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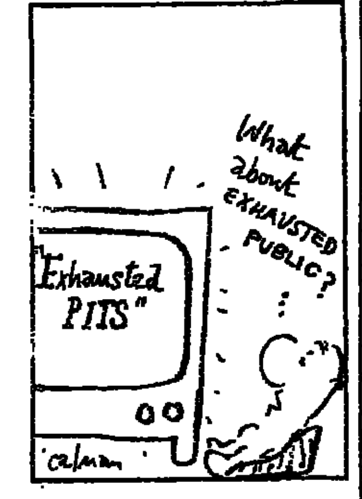
The Times Portfolio prize was shared between three winners yesterday. Ms Milly Macintosh of Blofield, Norwich; Mr Albert Clifford of Albrighton, nr Wolverhampton; and Mr Andrew Terroni of Brookmans Park, Hertfordshire; each receive £2,000. *Portfolio* list, page 24; how to play and rules, back page Information Service.

UK visible trade £764m in red

Imports at record levels pushed up Britain's visible trade deficit for September to £764m – more than the deficit for the whole of 1983. Despite the bad trade figures, the Nacods decision lifted the pound 1½ cents to $1.2225 **Page 21**

Easing control

A relaxation of security control zones in Northern Ireland is being authorized by the Secretary of State, subject to the discretion of the local police **Page 5**



Soviet move

The Soviet party plenum, called to examine the poor state of agriculture, produced no suggestion of reform but revealed that Mr Mikhail Gorbachov no longer held the portfolio **Page 10**

Chief may quit

Mr Alf Parrish, chief constable of Derbyshire, who was suspended after allegations that he spent £28,000 from the police housing fund on improving his offices, is expected to resign tomorrow.

NUM to fight alone as Nacods agrees pit peace formula

● The pit deputies' union, Nacods, yesterday called off its strike scheduled for today. The NUM is now left to fight on alone against colliery closures.

● NUM leaders will meet the Coal Board today, but are unlikely to accept the formula agreed by Nacods for a settlement of the dispute.

● On the eve of today's critical talks with the miners' union, the Coal Board appeared increasingly split over strategy and the role of Mr Michael Eaton.

● Moves will be made in the High Court today to seize the assets of the NUM, which has not paid a £200,000 fine for contempt **Page 2**

By Paul Routledge, Labour Editor

The National Union of Mineworkers was left to fight on alone last night, after pit deputies decided not to join the eight-months-old strike over colliery closures.

Leaders of the National Association of Colliery Overmen, Deputies and Shotfirers (Nacods) unanimously agreed to call off an all-out stoppage due to begin at 6am today, after accepting terms of settlement in their own dispute with the National Coal Board.

NUM leaders are to meet the Coal Board this morning, for talks aimed at ending their long-running conflict, but they will be held on the basis of the peace deal agreed with Nacods yesterday, and the striking pitmen have made clear their refusal to accept this formula as a settlement.

The talks between the miners and the Coal Board will take place at the headquarters of the Advisory Conciliation and Arbitration Service (Acas), and Mr Norman Willis, general secretary of the Trade Union Congress last night appealed to both sides to reach a settlement.

"The NCB must approach tomorrow's talks with the NUM genuinely seeking a settlement of this costly and damaging dispute", he said.

Mr Willis's comments reflect the private concern of Labour movement leaders that yesterday's events may have created a "clearing of the decks" for the Coal Board to concentrate its fire power on the National Union of Mineworkers, after getting the Nacods issue out of the way.

Sources politically close to Mr Arthur Scargill, president of the NUM, but outside the coal industry were last night predicting that the pits strike could go on for another four months.

The mineworkers' demands remain unaltered. They are

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insisting on total withdrawal of the NCB's programme of March 6 pit closures, unconditonal guarantees for continuing operation on five named pits, and acceptance by the Board that there will be no closures on purely "economic" grounds.

On that basis, the talks are practically bound to fail, but the Government will be greatly relieved that the strike threatened by 16,000 pit deputies has been abandoned.

The decision means that working pits producing around 500,000 tonnes of coal a week, one quarter of normal output in the industry, will continue to operate, and the Central Electricity Generating Board can expect replenishment of dwindling coal stocks at the power stations.

But the sharp disappointment was clearly expressed in the response of miners' leaders last night to the Nacods decision. Mr Michael McGahey, vice-president of the NUM, said: "I regret very much the attitude taken by Nacods, first in compromising themselves before the NCB and secondly making things much more difficult for the NUM who are seeking a principled solution to this dispute".

He added: "The calling off of their strike is a demonstration of weakness by the Nacods executive which the NCB under Ian MacGregor, (the Board's chairman) will capitalise on in the future and at the expense of Nacods' members".

The ten-man executive of the pit deputies' union agreed to call off their threatened stoppage at a two-and-a-half hour meeting held at the TUC's headquarters in London yesterday. They did so after being given a four-page peace deal by the Coal Board in talks held

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President Mitterrand addressing both Houses of Parliament in French yesterday.

Coal board rift over strategy as Eaton waits in the wings

By Craig Seton

On the eve of today's crucial peace talks in the pit dispute there are signs of a growing rift among senior members of the National Coal Board over strategy. There are indications that the appointment of Mr Michael Eaton as personal adviser to Mr Ian MacGregor, the chairman, has heightened disagreement.

Mr Eaton, the director of the North Yorkshire coalfield, was appointed to improve the board's public relations. He was surprisingly not present at the talks between the deputies' union Nacods and the coal board on Tuesday or yesterday, although he had given the impression that he would attend them.

The board said yesterday that it had not been decided whether Mr Eaton would be called into today's talks at the offices of the Advisory Conciliation and Arbitration Service, but it has been suggested that at least some board members do not want him involved and were dismayed by his appointment because Mr Macgregor had to look outside for an adviser.

His appointment and publicity over the weekend which dubbed him as a "Mr Fixit" is also thought to have upset members of the Cabinet, concerned that the role he was given was public testimony to the continuing failure of the chairman and the board to present their case adequately.

There was also concern that Mr Eaton spoke of "mutual respect" between him and Mr Arthur Scargill, the miners president. His conciliatory tone and his apparent view that the pit closure issue should be brought back to local level seemed to indicate not only his own belief thtat he would be playing a central role in negotiations but also that a different strategy would emerge.

The doubts about Mr Eaton's role follow hard on the continuing reports that Mr Ned Smith,


Mr Eaton: "Mr Fixit" role denied by board.

the board's industrial relations director, has had serious disagreements with Mr MacGregor about strategy in the dispute.

Dismay that Mr Eaon was not made a full member of the negotiating team and given his head to attempt a new approach is apparently most wide spread in the coal boad regions.

There, the performance of Mr MacGregor in talks with the miners' union, his handling of the Nacods issue and his appearances in public have been a source of seathing comment for several months. Mr Eaton's appointment was greeted with pleasure, but the feeling is now growing that he is being held back.

One regional official said yesterday: "There are many senior people who would dearly like him to become a fully-fledged member of the negotiating team."

The coal board said yesterday: "He did ot attend the Nacods talks because he was not called for. His role is an advisory one – he is not a member of the negotiating team. The press seemed to think that he would come riding over the hill like the Seventh Cavalry, but that was never the intention.

Top crime family in US charged

New York (Reuter) - The entire leadership of the Colombo family, often described as the General Motors of US organized crime, was charged yesterday with racketeering, extortion and theft.

Among the 11 indicted were the family's alleged crime boss Carmine Persico, aged 51, his reputed lieutenant Gennaro Langella, aged 45, and his alleged chief advisor Thomas DiBella, aged 78.

The indictment charged that a three and a half year investigation showed the family controlled seven unions in New York city in the construction and restaurant industries.

Botha calls in envoy to explain Rifkind remarks

From Michael Hornsby, Johannesburg

The British Ambassador to South Africa, Mr Patrick Moberly, was summoned yesterday by Mr R. F. "Pik" Botha, the Foreign Minister, for what was described as a general discussion of bilateral relations.

Mr Botha said the statement to the House of Commons on Tuesday by Mr Malcolm Rifkind, the Foreign Office Minister responsible for Africa, had been extensively discussed.

Mr Rifkind told the Commons that South Africa's failure to return four of its citizens to Britain to face trial on arms smuggling charges would have a significant effect on billateral relations.

Mr Botha responded to Mr Rifkind: "He says he is unhappy that the four South African citiens did not appear in court, but the South African Government is even more unhappy at the breach of international law and the obstruction of law enforcement in the British consulate in Durban."

Mr Botha and Mr Moberly were also understood to have discussed Britain's vote in favour of a United Nations Security resolution condemning Pretoria's apartheid policies.

Wives of the three polical dissidents in the consulate completed a 48-hour fast last night in protest at the British Government's decision to stop visits by relatives.

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Holiday company crashes

By Michael Horsnell

Budget Holidays, the leading direct-sell travel company, collapsed yesterday, leaving up to 8,000 passengers stranded in Greece, Cyprus and Spain.

Another 2,000 people are feared stranded after a second travel company Excel Holidays, which is owned by the same group, was placed in receivership.

Budget, which also includes an airline seat-only company, Seatline (Aviation), was placed into liquidation after a creditor's meeting at its London base.

Several hundred people planning to fly to Tenerife, Cyprus, Rhodes and Kos, last night discovered that their flights had been cancelled.

The directors of Budget listed eight flights affected: from Gatwick, Manchester and Newcastle to Rhodes; from Gatwick, Birmingham and Manchester to Tenerife; and from Manchester to Larnaca and Kos.

The Civil Avaition Authority and Association of British Travel Agents were last night arranging to bring holidaymakers home and arrange refunds. Passengers will return at the end of their holidays on the flights booked by Budget, with the Authority using the company's bond to pay for them.

The authority will handle refunds for Budget Holidays from the £3m it lodged for its air travel organizer's licence. ABTA will deal with Excel Holidays from its £925,000 bond.

Budget comes under the umbrella of Sunny Tours, which also trades under Budget America, Bargain Travel and Airsave Travel, which have all collapsed.

The CAA, advised people with holidays booked with the companies to stay at home and contact them.

The two Cypriot-born directors of Budget, Mr Christakis Phillipou and Mr Leftheris Panayides, were not available for comment yesterday.

Budget received its licence in 1975 and specialized in cheap Mediterranean holidays.

Excel, which lodged a bond in 1983, was expelled from ABTA this month for failing to renew its annual bond.

Their collapse follows that of two other independent travel operators, Ventura and Vantage, this year, because of the increasingly difficult economic climate facing the package holiday trade.

Arms talks urgent says Mitterrand

By Anthony Bevins
Political Correspondent

President Mitterand yesterday linked an urgent appeal for a resumption of disarmament talks with a stern warning against unilateral action which could shake the balance of military strength between East and West.

In an address to both Houses of Parliament in the Royal Gallery of the Lords, delivered entirely in French, the President said: "In all the arms fields – be it a question of strategic weapons, or medium-range weapons, or of possible new weapons that might be introduced in space, and chemical weapons – in every weapons field, it is urgent to resume conversations, to compare situations honestly and seek varifiable agreements on the basis of mutual compromise."

But he warned his British

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audience, including the Labour leadership: "Without a balance of forces, you, like us, are convinced there is no guaranteed peace. We must be vigilant on this point."

He said France would maintain and modernize its nuclear deterrent, and added: "When the balance of forces has, in our view, appeared threatened, France has not shirked her responsibilities."

The President's words echo Mr J. Callaghan's warning in Blackpool this month that Labour's unilateralism could cause a "rupture" in a European balance which had held the peace for 40 years.

M Mitterrand also raised the thorny question of the future progress of the European Community, but there was little immediate reaction because few in his audience could understand the French detail.

The President said it was no longer enough "to add together a number of individual measures. The moment has come ... to make Europe become a genuine political reality, capable of asserting itself on the international scene.

● At 10 Downing Street yesterday Mrs Margaret Thatcher asked President Mitterrand for French support for the British position during the forthcoming Falklands debate at the United Nations General Assembly

During a 40-minute session they also discussed the visit to Paris of President Alfonsin of Argentina.

Britain to give famine victims emergency aid

By David Cross

The British Government yesterday ordered extra emergency food aid for Ethiopia as the authorities in Addis Ababa announced plans to move 250,000 people from drought-stricken areas to other parts of the country.

Sir Geoffrey Howe, the Foreign Secretary, told the Commons that a further £5m, as well as 6,000 tonnes of food aid, would be sent to help the six million people threatened with starvation in Ethiopia and other parts of Africa. He would also be calling on other EEC member governments to agree to further substantial help from European funds.

British charities, who were flooded yesterday with offers of help from members of the public after new television reports showing the extent of the famine, are to meet EEC development aid officials in Brussels today to press them for more emergency relief.

In Addis Ababa, Mr Dawit Wolde Giorgis, head of Ethiopia's Relief and Rehabilitation Commission, appealed for an international food airlift. "The time it may take to transport relief assistance by sea is now the greatest concern," he told a meeting of Wstern relief agencies.

The Ethiopian Government this week would begin to move some 250,000 people from drought-hit northern and southern regions to fertile areas in the west of the country, he added. His Government has appealed for more than 563,000 tonnes of food during the coming 12 months.

The plight of the suffering Ethiopians was brought vividly into British homes on Tuesday night when BBC news bulletines showed harrowing scenes of emaciated refugees swamping a camp at Korem in Wello province.

The report by the BBC's southern Africa correspondent, Michael Buerk, showed dozens of bodies of men, women and children wrapped in sacking ready for buriel. Members of their families near death themselves, poured out their grief while others waited for supplies which never arrived in sufficient quantities to feed them all.

A BBC spokesman said yesterday that within minutes of the film being screened, their telephone switchboard had been

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inundated with calls from members of the public asking how they could help. They were told to contact relief agencies like Oxfam, the Save the Children Fund and Christian Aid, which have been heading a drive for emergency aid for Ethiopia.

At the Save the Children Fund headquarters in London a spokesman said yesterday that the response had been "imbelievable and overwhelming". People had had to be taken off other work just to answer the telephone, he added.

All the charities said that they had received offers totalling tens of thousands of pounds. People were being asked to donate cash in preference to food or clothes and to ring their local MPs or members of the European Parliament to put pressure on the Government to come up with more public assistance.

The clamour for action also touched the hearts of striking

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French face a day of strike chaos

France is facing a day of chaos during a strike called by the main public service unions (Diana Geddes writes).

Trains, air flights, banks, schools, hospitals and other services are expected to be severely disrupted throughout the country today by the 24-hour strike called by six unions representing most of France's 4.5 million public employees.

The strike is in protest against the Government's decision to increase wages in the public service sector this year by only 3 per cent, while prices are expected to rise nearly 7 per cent.

The unions, particularly the Communist-led CGT, are hoping for a big stayaway.

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Tebbit 'not back before Christmas'

Whitehall sources said last night that no date could be given for the return of the Cabinet's two Brighton bomb victims, Mr Norman Tebbit, Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, and Mr John Wakeham, the Government Chief Whip.

But few Ministers expect to see either colleagues back on duty before Christmas.

The condition of Mrs Muriel Maclean one of the Brighton bomb victims, was continuing to give doctors at the Royal Sussex County Hospital cause for "serious concern".

Mrs Maclean, a mother of two and wife of Mr Donald MacLean, chairman of the Scottish Conservative Association, had her right leg amputated below the knee at the weekend.

British pit violence moves to Strasbourg Chamber

From Ian Murray, Strasbourg

The violence of the British miners' strike erupted in the staid chamber of the European Parliament yesterday with a Labour and Conservative MEP being dragged physically apart while they buried obsecenities at each other.

There is every danger it will happen all over again today because the members are due to debate a strongly-worded emergency resolution seeking to condemn the British Government over the miners' strike.

Yesterday's row began when Mr Les Huckfield, the lorry driver member for Merseyside East, rose at the start of the morning's business to protest once again that the "Conservatives and fascists" had succeeded by devious procedural means in preventing an emergency debate on the strike.

He had made a similar complaint to the House two weeks before and it was a long one. As on the previous occasion, his microphone was turned off but this time Mr Huckfield was prepared.

He produced a battery-powered loudhailer, borrowed from the Kirby unemployment Centre, and continued his tirade. With that the barely-restrained temper of Mr Paul Howell, the Conservative farmer from Norfolk, snapped.

Mr Huckfield (left) and Mr Howell

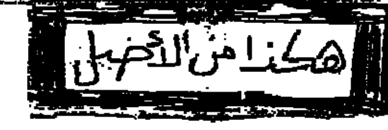
Mr Howell rushed from his seat on the right of the chamber round to Mr Huckfield on the left shouting: "Go and join your proper group, the Communists."

"Why didn't you bring some of your thugs and bullyboys with you? You are a fascist," was Mr Huckfield's witty, expurgated retort. As he and Mr Howell were both restrained by outraged fellow members he shouted a friendly "get stuffed" at the Conservative benches through the Kirby Unemployment Centre's amplifier.

The session was suspended, the Socialist group tried to dissociate itself unofficially from the outburst and the British Labour group put out a news release saying carefully that "all views expressed are thos of the individuals concerned."

In the end the fuss was all for nothing because the House did vote to allow an emergency debate on the strike first thing this morning. It was agreed by 82 votes to 67 as most of the members were still straggling back from lunch.

As a result Mr Huckfield will this morning speak to a resolution which "expresses the firm hope that the National Union of Mineworkers will win an outright victory" and "calls upon all governments in Europe to stop the export of coal to Britain".



Jaguar workers vote to strike

By Barrie Clement Labour Reporter

Workers at the newly and profitable privatized Jaguar car company yesterday voted to strike from next Thursday in support of a £25 a week pay rise.

The company said that would deal a massive blow to its financial performance and jeopardize its growing share of the United States luxury car market.

Management insisted that there was no question of the company being forced into a higher offer.

Union leaders claimed the 22 per cent offer over two years was worth about 14 per cent in new money and would not allow the 7.000 workers to share in the company's success.

But management said the workers were the highest paid in the motor industry and the offer would keep them top of the league.

Meanwhile, Austin Rover appealed to its 28.000 workers to vote against industrial action.

NUJ says bingo is illegal

Bingo games run by newspapers are illegal, according to advice obtained by the National Union of Journalists, which has received council's opinion that games conravene the 1976 Lorteries Act. Sympathetic MPs have agreed to raise the matter with the Attorney General and the Director of Public Prosecutions in England and the Lord Advocate in Scotland.

If the games were declared illegal newspapers could face criminal prosecution if they continued to use them.

Unions talk on technology

Officials of the National Union of Journalists yesterday met representatives of the National Graphical Association and detailed their objections to a proposed new technology deal.

Under it NGA men at the *Portsmouth News* would be given jobs as sub-editors. The NUJ threatened that if the deal was ratified, the NUJ would urge its chapels to negotiate deals to by-pass work traditionally done by NGA members.

Pensions talks

Talks aimed at ending the pensions strike at Newcastle-upon-Tyne, now in its twenty-fourth week, are to resume again today amid signs that useful progress is being made, the Department of Health and Social Security said last night after negotiations in Newcastle.

Aslef wait

Judgment was reserved in the High Court yesterday on a claim by the train drivers' union, Aslef, which seeks compensation for drivers suffering from nervous shock caused by suicides and other railway trespassers.

Voted down

A left-wing move to delay the return of trade unions to the National Economic Development Council was narrowly defeated at a meeting of the TUC General Council yesterday.

Labour Cabinet is blamed for DeLorean debacle

By Richard Evans, Lobby Reporter

The blame for the ill-fated DeLorean sports car project, which lost more than £70m of taxpayers' money in four years, was yesterday laid squarely on Cabinet ministers in the last Labour government.

In spite of repeated and grave warnings about the risks involved, Mr Roy Mason, then Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, and his colleagues gave permission for the venture in 1978: a mistake which could not happen now, a memorandum from the province's department of finance and personnel said.

The memorandum is the Government's official response to the critical report published in July by the powerful Commons Public Committee, which said that the DeLorean project was "one of the gravest cases of the misuse of public resourses for many years."

Mr Mason, who is not named in the memorandum, hoped that the car project in west Belfast would ease some of the area's acute political, social, economic and security difficulties.

Although John De Lorean's plans were described as "an Extraordinarily risky venture" with "remote" chances of success by independent assessors in July 1978, the Government supported the project in principle less than three weeks later.

"The then government decided as a matter of policy that the potential economic and social benefits justified taking the risks," the memorandum adds.

Mr De Lorean contributed slightly more than £500.000 to the car plant, but ministers believed that there were "positive factors" which justified pumping millions of pounds from public funds into a private company controlled by an American, "since this was the only basis on which the project could be secured."

The memo adds: "Government policy has since changed.. A project such as De Lorean would not be supported. Industrial support is made available only for projects in which substantial part of the financial resources is provided by the private sector."

"The lessons of the De Lorean experience have been learned and changes made to reflect this."

But the government reply, presented to Parliament by Mr Douglas Hurd, the new Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, implicitly absolves the team of officials which negotiated the De Lorean deal.

The same team of civil servants had been responsible for six other successful American investments in the province which were now providing 2.300 jobs.

Defeats for left boost Kinnock

Mr Neil Kinnock's authority over the Labour Party machine was consolidated yesterday as the left suffered a series of defeats which gave the centre-left coalition control of all the party's key committees.

Attempts backed by Mr Tony Benn to increase the left's strength on the party's organization, local government, home policy and finance and general purposes committees were defeated by majorities ranging from five to nine. The left-wingers Mr Doug Hoyle and Mrs Audrey Wise are expected to lose their chairmanships of the home policy and finance committees.

The left is now in a small minority on the crucial appeals and mediation committee which will deal with internal disputes over reselection. The executive agreed that party officers, including Mr Kinnock and Mr Roy Hattersley, should have the right to attend and vote at that committee.

Mr Benn was also defeated when he tried to get the executive to back the total breaking of diplomatic relations with South Africa.

The NEC appointed a delegation to discuss with the miners' union ways of assisting its campaign in the coal dispute.

● Mr Eric Heffer is widely expected to lose his place as a member of the Shadow Cabinet in a parliamentary ballot which closes tonight.

Steel shifts stance on cruise

By Anthony Bevins, Political Correspondent

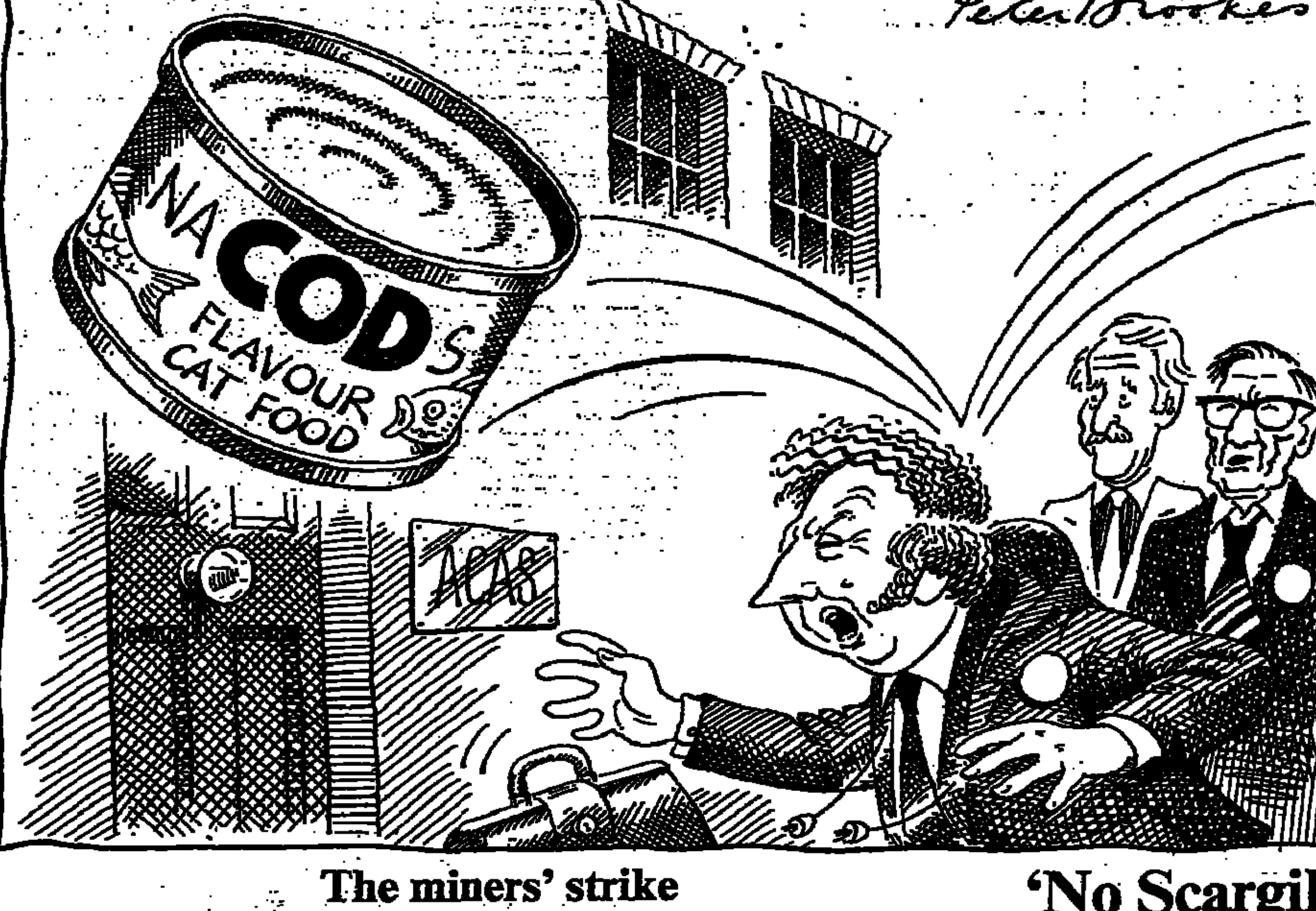
Mr David Steel, the Liberal leader, has joined Dr David Owen in suggesting that the British nuclear deterrent might be kept alive by firing cruise missiles from the torpedo tubes of hunter-killer submarines.

News of the Liberal leader's conversion to Dr Owens' long-standing proposal broke at Westminster yesterday with a denial of a *Times* report that the Social Democrat leader had embarrassed Mr Steel with a suggestion that Britain might make its own nuclear warheads to be delivered by cruise missiles.

Last month's Liberal assembly in Bournemouth, reaffirmed liberal opposition to the maintenance of an independent British nuclear deterrent" and called for the immediate withdrawal of American Cruise missiles

But it was revealed last night that Mr Steel had written a confidential letter, last Friday, to the chairman of the joint Liberal-SDP alliance commission on defence policy, asking for consideration of the submarine-launched cruise as an option for the replacement of Polaris.

While this private initiative wipes out any disagreement between Mr Steel and Dr Owen, the Liberal leader has again put himself on a potentially more embarrassing collision course with his own party.



The miners' strike

Moves today to seize assets

By Frances Gibb, Legal Affairs Correspondent

New High Court moves will be made today to seize the assets of the National Union of Mineworkers after the expiry at midnight last night of the deadline for payment of the £200.000 fine imposed for contempt of court.

Lawyers for the two Yorkshire miners who brought the contempt proceedings will apply before Mr Justice Nicholls for leave for the issuing of writs of sequestration.

The City firm of chartered accountants, Price Waterhouse, has agreed to act as Commissioners of Sequestration if the judge agrees to the writs and would act to seize the assets as soon as possible.

The same firm handled the sequestration of the assets of the South Wales area of the NUM when it failed to pay a £50.000 contempt fine at the beginning of August.

Mr Justice Nicholls imposed the £200.000 fine and one of £1.000 on the miners' president Mr Arthur Scargill, 14 days ago for breach of injunctions granted to the two Yorkshire miners. Those were aimed at preventing the union or its officials declaring the Yorkshire area strike official and from threatening to discipline miners who crossed picket lines.

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Last week Mr Scargill's fine was paid anonymously, and so far as the court is concerned, his contempt has been purged.

The NUM is thought to have transferred large sums of money from its general fund to its constituent area unions in the form of hardship money and other strike-related costs. Funds genuinely held by area unions are thought to be beyond the reach of sequestrators.

Mr Michael Meacher, Labour's chief social services spokesman said yesterday that the government can no longer deduct £15 a week from striking miners' social security payments if the courts sequester the NUM's funds.

Since the strike began £15 a week has been deducted from supplementary benefit to miners' families on the assumption that they are receiving strike pay, although no strike pay is provided by the union.

If the miners' funds are seized, he said, "the government can no longer continue to deem striking miners to be receiving strike pay."

Mr Arthur Scargill and miners' union leaders were yesterday preparing for a seige of the union headquarters in Sheffield. Mr Scargill's wife arrived at the NUM headquarters and began unloading a car load of food.

'No Scargill surcharge' on fuel bills

By David Young, Energy Correspondent

The Government has not decided to add the £500m cost of the miners' strike to electricity bills, as a "Scargill surcharge". Mr Peter Walker, the Secretary of State for Energy, said yesterday.

"The cost has still to be calculated. There have been increased costs because of oil burning but there have been savings – £700m planned investment in the coal industry has not been made."

Mr Walker stepped up the Government's energy conservation campaign with a speech to 1.500 company directors in London, calling on them to appoint energy managers and take advantage of government aid.

"If Britain had done as well as some of our competitors we would be spending one billion pounds a year less on energy".

Papers reveal NCB concessions

Negotiation papers tabled in the confidential pit peace talks disclose how far the National Coal Board has moved, and the measure of the National Union of Mineworkers' hard line bargaining position.

The NCB has promised "completely to reconsider" its March 6 colliery closure programme, but the striking miners insist that it must be withdrawn without reservation.

The documents tabled by the two sides in the conflict were yesterday being closely studied by the NCB, the pit deputies' union, Nacods, and the TUC.

Copies of both key papers in the possession of *The Times* are reproduced in full, below. The first document was tabled by the National Coal Board when it went into talks with the pit deputies on Tuesday morning. The second is a glossary with policy comments from the NUM.

NCB observations for Nacods talks

The board accept entirely that a major component in the management of the industry depends on understanding and trust between the board and Nacods. It is the board's wish that such trust should be established and maintained.

You opened this morning by referring to a number of items previously discussed and I think agreed satisfactorily between us and indeed the board's attitude confirmed to you in recent correspondence. However, I will refer to them again so that there may be no misunderstanding.

Officials' Attendance at Work – 1974 Guidelines

The board have withdrawn the August 15 statement and management have been instructed to observe the pattern of behaviour which had been established in each area with regard to the 1974 guidelines. Arising out of this affirmation, management has been instructed that payments arising shall be paid retrospectively to all officials.

The points raised in this connexion by you this morning will be pursued immediately. We hope to clairfy the position later today.

It is our intention that all shifts in compliance with the 1974 guidelines are to be paid if there are questions of compliance these must be resolved promptly.

Conciliation Procedure

The board do value the conciliation procedure and it is our intention that it should be operated constructively and fairly at all times and at all levels of management.

As Mr Jones observed this morning, the essence of this will be seen in the future but you may be assured of the board's intent to obtain an arrangement satisfactory to both parties.

Supervision of Work in Cavities – the Hammond Case

As previously stated by the board to you, we reaffirm that it is our intention that the Hammond case shall be pursued constructively along the lines as annunciated by Mr Cowan in his letter of July 17.

It is the board's purpose that the case shall go to the House of Lords only on the basis of clarifying the legal ruling.

Closed Shop

As previously stated in our letter to you of September 27, the board acknowledge that we do at present recognize with you a de facto closed shop. The board agree that this arrangement should continue into the future. Should the association seek a formal agreement on this matter, however, it would have to be undertaken in compliance with current legislation.

The Five Pits

The board undertake that Polmaise, Herrington, Bulcliffe Wood, Cortonwood and Snowdown will remain open to be considered in common with all other pits under the modified Colliery Review Procedure.

March 6 Proposals

The March 6 proposals will be completely reconsidered in concert with all the unions – in the light of the loss of output which has occurred as a result of the dispute and the changes in the needs of the market arising also from the circumstances of the dispute The board will consider the proposals for the industry and revise the objectives for the individual areas. A new set of objectives will be prepared for each area to reflect the production possibilities available at the time the dispute ends.

Colliery Review Procedure – Independent Review Body

The association has asked for a revision of the Colliery Review Procedure to ensure that it operates effectively and fairly within the industry. Specifically you have asked for:

(i) An early warning procedure where local members believe their colliery is deliberately, by various means, being run down as a prelude to closure investigations.

(ii) Inside the Colliery Review programme, greater availability to branch officials, when preparing a case to oppose closure, of time and facilities to information.

(iii) Any final notice of closure to be issued would allow national officers time to consult the membership.

(iv) Any final closure notice not agreed between the NCB and the association to be subject to an appeal to an independent body.

As previously stated, the board are very ready to reexamine the Review Procedure and to adopt any amnedments which will improve its effectiveness. The association will appreciate, of course that this must be done in a way which will meet with the approval of all the parties concerned, including NUM and BACM.

The board believe that the procedure as it stands is unique and is something that we should all make work. This will, of course, require the active effort of all the parties, not just that of management.

You clearly are concerned that the arrangements should work, so that at local colliery level, as well as area level, an early and continuing understanding of the prospects of the pit concerned. We believe our plans should be readily understood and updated in the form of five-year plans reflecting both market and production opportunities. We believe that if this is done it should remove the fear you have that actions will be taken covertly which would shorten the life expectancy of a pit without reaching an understanding among all the parties concerned.

Given that this is done we would expect that there should not be conflict over investment or other decisions. If, however, such conflict arose, that could be dealt with from that early stage within the Review Procedure so that all parties could be given ample time to brief themselves adequately.

If, at the end of this process, the matter was still in conflict and might lead to a foreshortening of a colliery's life expectancy, this question, as has already happened in the past, can be referred for national consideration and, indeed, would then be subject to the Review Body and full weight given to its findings, just as would be the case in any question of a distinct closure proposal.

NUM comments on document

Officials' attendance at work – 1974 guildlines: This is a matter solely for Nacods, and does not involve the NUM at all.

Conciliation Procedure: This is a matter solely for Nacods.

Supervision of work in cavities – the Hammond case: This is a matter relating to Nacods – we have certain observation but they are not relevent to the dispute between the NCB and NUM.

Closed shop: Discussion of the closed shop is a matter for Nacobs – we have our own view on what agreement should be reached between the NCB and the NUM but that does not concern Nacobs.

CENTRAL ISSUES

The five pits:

The coal board proposal on this matter cannot be accepted – the NUM have already extracted a verbal promise from the board that the five pits will be kept open on the basis of the NUM's mining engineers submissions.

This NCB document proposals on the five pits is even less acceptable than that contained in the board's published document dated July 18, 1984. The board's South Yorkshire Area Director has already said that if Cortonwood is reprieved as opposed to being kept open in line with NUM submissions he will close it within 18 months.

March 6 proposals:

The coal board's proposal to Nacods is completely unacceptable to the NUM: (a) It *does not withdraw* the pit closure programme: (b) it refers to "objectives for the individual Areas": (c) its reference to the "market" and to a new set of objectives is an idication that the board will continue to pursue a closure programme.

Colliery Review Procedure – Independent Review Body:

This coal board response to the Nacods request is full of dangerous terminology: (a) It refers in sections i, ii, iii and iv to "closure". The board will interpret Nacods' acceptance of this as acceptance of the closure programme. (b) Even the Acas proposal tabled on the morning of October 12 provided the word "closure" is deleted is better than this.

Page 4-general comments:

The reference to the market and to production opportunities in the board document are a clear departure from *Plan for coal*. The general tenor of this page reflects the "balance-sheet" mentality of Ian MacGregor. The NUM cannot accept this.

The final paragraph of the board's document is tantamount to saying: "If you accept the coal board's *pit* closure programme then we'll discuss with you amendments to clause 3(c)."

Clause 3(c) would be irrelevant if the points referred to above were accepted, and the NUM cannot in any way agree to this coal board document, which projects a closure programme involving 70 pits and the destruction of 70.000 jobs.

President at ease among the Frenglish

President Mitterrand, who told our Paris Correspondent in yesterday's interview that "History is made by its actors" yesterday proved a worthy successor to President Reagan in treading the boards at the Palace of Westminster.

The French President gave every appearance of being quite at home in the Royal Gallery of the House of Lords. The room is ridiculously over-ornamented in what Britons take to be the Gothic (or, more particularly, French) manner, but is full of images that should make a patriotic Frenchman squirm. Pictures of Trafalgar and Waterloo celebrate our ancient enmities, and the gilded statue close behind the President's right shoulder was that of Henry V, the victor of Agincourt.

The President successfully affected not to notice. He was greeted by Lord Hailsham of St Marylebone the Lord Chancellor, wearing a sumptuous outfit that in France would be reserved for the principal officer of some guild in the food trade. The French love dressing up, as was evidenced by the vivid informality of their own press corps, who had blithely ignored the dress rules (dress suit) for the occasion.

Lord Hailsham set out to make the French President (who dressed up as an Englishman) comfortable by improving the historical context. He referred to Asterix the Gaul. He did even better mentioning pheasants.

This was obviously intended to appeal to the Frenchman in the President who is a foodie among statesmen.

Lord Hailsham, having talked about English mispronunciation of French, which he called Frenglish, rounded off in a French of his own, liberally larded with the word "Vive".

The warm-up man having done his stuff, the President rose.

It must be an actor's greatest fear that when he speaks his lines he does not carry his audience with him. President Mitterrand overcame it with unflappable aplomb. He spoke in French.

After some dozen sentences there was a little shuffling of feet. To the horror of many in the audience, who had seen the interpreter's microphone tested for sound, the interpreter, crouching low, crept across the stage and went out of the door.

At this awful moment it dawned on us that the interpreter's microphones were *not going to be used*.

President Mitterand orated confidently on. At 12.14 he made a little joke, about the Mother of Parliaments. If the Lord Chancellor had said it the audience would have bust their sides. As it was, they did not move a muscle. The President undismayed, brought in Locke, Montesquieu and Voltaire. Not many laughs there.

The President continued as if he held the audience in the palm of his elegantly waving hand. For all his words conveyed to most of those listening, he might as well have come from the famous French school of mime, but when he reached his peroration he made it recognizable by twice repeating the magic word: "Vive". He got his standing ovation.

The Speaker rose to give thanks. "We have just heard a speech which re-affirmed the long-standing friendship between our two nations", he said firmly, and risked no more.

Robin Young

The Times overseas selling prices
Austria Sch 29; Belgium B frs 50; Canada $2.75; Canaries Pes 170; Cyprus 700 mils; Denmark Dkr 8.50; Finland Mkk 8.00; France Frs 7.00; Germany DM 3.50; Greece Dr 100; Holland Gl 3.40; Irish Republic 40p; Italy L 2200; Luxembourg Lf 38; Madeira Esc 125; Morocco Dir 8.00; Norway Kr 8.50; Pakistan Rps 18; Portugal Esc 125; Singapore $5.50; Spain Pes 170; Sweden Skr 8.50; Switzerland S Frs 3.00; Tunisia Din 0.700; USA $1.75; Yugoslavia Din 150

Medical tribunal says NHS should pay for anti-smoking chewing gum

By Pearce Wright, Science Editor

The National Health Service should pay for the anti-smoking chewing gum, Nicorette, which is available only on prescription, a medical tribunal has decided.

The ruling, which overturns the efforts of Mr Norman Fowler to stop family doctors prescribing the chewing gum on the NHS, could cost £20m a year.

Moreover, the Treasury could lose many more millions of pounds from the lost tax revenue from people who successfully "kicked the habit".

The chewing gum concerned is said to be more than twice as effective as other anti-smoking treatments.

But since the ingredients have clear pharmacological properties, or in other words, they behave like a drug, the chewing gum is a prescription-only product.

However, the substance is not classified officially as a medicine.

But Nicorette is the sole prescription-only product which is not on the NHS drugs tariff, and hence can be offered as a course of treatment only on a private basis. It costs about £7 for two weeks' supply, against the standard prescription charge of £1.60 for each course of treatment.

The issue has been brought to a head by several doctors, who prescribed a course of treatment under the NHS for patients among whom nicotine-dependence was regarded as a serious medical problem.

The chewing gum was issued by pharmacists to the patients. Subsequently, the prescriptions were picked up by the Prescription Pricing Athority for referral to the local Family Practitioner Committees for disciplinary action. The GPs could have the cost of the prescriptions witheld from their payments.

On appeal to the DHS, the issue was referred to a medical tribunal last June, at which a lawyer and two doctors heard evidence from the GPs and from the DHSS.

The decision given yesterday in writing from the tribunal said: "We find the expert evidence is all one way".

The expert witness was Dr Mike Russell of the Maudsley Hospital, London; who has conducted one of the main trials on the efficacy of the chewing gum.

One of the four GPs involved was not making an appeal against the DHSS.

In the case of Dr Chris Steele, from Manchester, the appeal was being made by Mr Norman Fowler for the tribunal to reverse previous decisions made in favour of the doctor.

Help for parents of glue sniffers

By Nicholas Timmins and Colin Hughes

A leaflet for parents telling them how to spot and cope with glue sniffing among children is being sent to health authorities, and a national network of "helplines" is being launched.

The leaflet, which will be available through health and local authorities, tells parents to look for a chemical smell on the breath or unexplained traces of glue or other solvents on clothes or body.

Soreness or redness round the eyes, persistent irritable cough, slurred speech, moody behaviour and a sudden decline in school performance could also be signs of glue sniffing, the leaflet says.

The leaflet says: "For most youngsters it is a passing phase, but for some it can become a dangerous habit".

Boredom can lead to sniffing, the leaflet says and involvement in youth clubs and sports can be encouraged.

The national network of *"helplines" and advice for* young glue-sniffers and heroin addicts is among projects being launched in Britain as part of International Youth Year.

A pilot scheme of telephone guidance from young volunteers backed up with expert adult support has already been set up in South London by the National Youth Assembly.

At the launch of the year in London yesterday, Miss Janice Smith, who chairs the national organising committee, said she *hoped that the scheme could* raise up to £500,000 over the year to set up similar "helplines" in every big town and region.

Hot pursuit in 10-ton digger

It was a scene that owed more to the Keystone Kops than to Starsky and Hutch.

One minute Mr Jack Jones was using his huge mechanical digger to clear sand which had blown up against the foreshore at Swansea.

The next his mighty machine had scooped up a breathless police sergeant and a constable who ordered him to follow a man running along the beach.

With the two determined lawmen crouching in the bucket, the digger reached its top speed of 10mph as it advanced on the fugitive.

When the digger was level with the man, the two law officers leapt out of the bucket and made their arrest. But as Mr Jones watched in horror the 10-ton digger sank deeper and deeper into the sand.

His efforts to free it were fruitless and soon the tide came in and submerged it. Last *night, after a five-hour rescue* operation, Mr Mervyn Owens, head of the company which owns the digger, said: "We have been landed with a repair bill at least £6,000."

The digger had been hired by Swansea City Council to clear *sand which had blown against* the sea wall.

Police, who said a man was later questioned about a theft, added that they had been "helped by a member of the public who happened to have with him a JCB".

Accused man sickened by torture news, jury told

One of the three men alleged to have tortured Mr Harry Tipple a London newsagent, and cut off one of his toes, wept the next day when he realized what they had done, a detective told the Central Criminal Court in London yesterday.

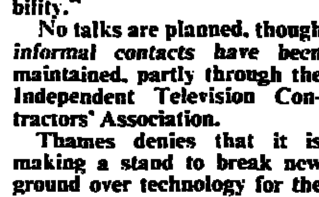
Edward Mitchell, aged 28, was physically sick, and started to cry after he heard of the news of the attack on Mr Tipple, aged 59, and his wife, Cicely, aged 56, the jury was told.

When interviewed by detectives, Mr Mitchell said he had not thought himself capable of doing what was inflicted on the couple at their home in Peckham Park Road, Peckham, south London, on the night of February 13.

Mr Mitchell, of Primrose House, Peckham Hill Street, Peckham, is on trial with Terence Bradford, aged 23, of Carridale House, Saint Leonard's Road, Poplar, east London; and his brother Charles Bradford, aged 24, of Glengall Road, Peckham.

All three deny assaulting the couple, causing them grievous bodily harm, and additionally wounding Mrs Tipple with intent to do her grievous bodily harm.

The trial continues today.



Theatre guide

A regional theatre guide has been launched by Oracle, the teletext service of independent television.

Thames profits from strike

By David Hewson

Thames Television expects to save £750,000 a week in wages to *1,000 technicians* striking over the introduction of lightweight cameras.

Managers are putting out a makeshift service of entertainment programmes which, they believe, are attracting more viewers than normal. Its advertising schedules are also full and expected to meet the £3.5m target.

One executive said yesterday: "We can hold out longer than the National Coal Board. We don't have to put out current affairs or documentary programmes which don't attract viewers, and we've enough material in the building to last until Christmas. I've never seen *a management so angry and* united."

The technicians' union, The Association of Cinematograph, Television and Allied Technicians, had not expecterd Thames to attempt to break the blackout caused by the strike, *the first commercial company* to do do. Yesterday, its general secretary, Mr Alan Sapper, complained to the Independent Broadcasting Authority about the schedules, which Thames has agreed with the IBA.

"Thames is mounting a programme service that is ignoring its franchise responsibility."

No talks are planned, though *informal contacts have been* maintained, partly through the Independent Television Contractors' Association.

Thames denies that it is making a stand to break new ground over technology for the rest of the commercial network. The union says *it is* willing to use a new lightweight camera, but not for them to be used to drastically reduce manning.

Yesterday, around 35 Thames executives arrived early in the morning to supervise production. At the Euston Road headquarters, nicknamed "Fort Euston", they assembled commercial breaks, and in the afternoon about 15, five less than demanded for with union, supervised the output through a link with the Post Office tower.

Thames had feared that the link might be blacked by Post Office engineers, and was prepared to go to court to end action which could have been regarded as secondary.

On the picket line, there is agreement that the dispute is the nost bitter since the strike which closed down the commercial network for 10 weeks in 1979.

Thames executives are also discussing a news service. Among their ranks are former Fleet Street journalists who *could read bulletins from Press* Association tapes. The news service could be maintained even if Thames's 80 journalists who belong to the National Union of Journalists, accede to a request from Mr Sapper not to cross picket lines.

The *union's headquarters* advised journalists to obey the call yesterday.

Thames executives, however, privately acknowledge that the film editors whose case started the strike have a genuine grievance about their position in the complex pay structure. They earn between £13,000 and £19,000 a year, less than dubbing mixers and video editors.

The highest paid ACTT members are producer/directors, who earn between £30,000 and £34,000 a year.

***This* year Thames gave its staff 10 per cent of their salaries after record pre-tax profits of £13.2m, compared with £8.8m the previous year.**

BBC's value 'proved' by bombing coverage

By Our Arts Correspondent

BBC television coverage of the Brighton bombing was cited as evidence that the corporation was not profligate by Mr Alan Protheroe, its assistant director-general.

The BBC, which had 300 staff in Brighton for the Conservative Party conference, was able to offer live coverage of the aftermath, while TV-am had no crews there.

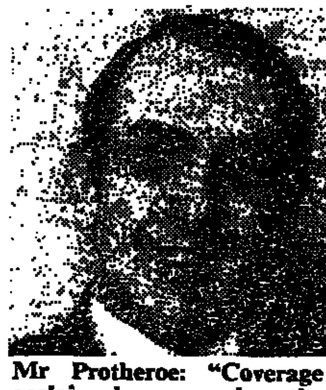
Mr Protheroe said the corporation's success was proof that its critics did not understand the needs of a large broadcasting organization.

The BBC team broadcast more than 28 hours of network television and four hours of national radio from Brighton, 1½ hours on the World Service also 21 hours in 32 languages, and coverage on regional television and radio.

"It is that investment in resources and people to meet the requirement of round-the-clock broadcasting that enabled the BBC on radio and television to produce coverage of the Brighton bomb in such depth, in such detail, and with such speed and skill.

"It was an essential requirement of public service journalism to report fully and accurately. It was coverage acclaimed around the world for the way it showed what terrorism and its consequences are.

"It showed the courage of the Prime Minister, Cabinet ministers, firemen, policemen and ordinary people. It revealed, with compassion and care, the bravery of Norman Tebbit. The *concept of public service broad*casting, funded by the public at the will o Parliament, was vindicated again between 6.30 and 9.00 am on Friday, October 12, 1984."





Mr Protheroe: "Coverage acclaimed around the world".

If the corporation was forced to accept advertising, the whole concept of public service broadcasting would be negated, Mr Protheroe said. Prime-time current affairs and arts programmes would disappear.

Attempts to intimidate cameramen and reporters by police and pickets during the miners' strike had failed. "Coverage has been difficult and demanding task, the more so because political investment and the polarization of attitudes has split the country", he said.





A goosander catching a fish under water (above) has won the Wildlife Photographer of the Year competition. It will be displayed at the Natural History Museum from today until January 4.

The photographers were Richard and Julie Kemp (below), who were in a glass-fronted hide built into a river bank in Wester Ross, Scotland.

The pair of mollymawks (left) won second prize for Ross Giblin of Plimmerton, New Zealand.

The competition was organized by *BBC Wildlife* magazine, the Fauna and Flora Preservation Society, the Natural History Museum and the Prudential Assurance Company.

Jail for pension theft

A hotel cleaner collected her dead mother-in-law's pension from the Post Office each week for 12 years by signing with a cross, Bristol Crown Court was told yesterday.

Violet Powell, aged 56, of Charfield Road, Bristol, was jailed for 15 months, nine of them suspended, after she admitted four offences of theft of pension books and asked for 30 more to be considered. The court was told that she made almost £12.00.

Mr Edward Lewis, for the prosecution, said that Mrs Powell's mother-in-law, Mrs Maud Crates, died in 1971.

Mr Nicholas O'Brien, for the defence, said that Mrs Powell had initially used the money to pay off her mother-in-law's debts. The rest went on household goods and clothes for her children.

Farm bought for Prince

The Duchy of Cornwall has bought a 420-acre farm next to Highgrove, the home of the Prince of Wales, so that he can have practical experience of managing a commercial unit.

Broadfield Farm, in Tetbury, Gloucestershire, is being combined with some of the land from Highgrove to form a viable mixed farm enterprise for dairying, corn and sheep. The selling price has not been disclosed.

The Prince has been anxious to extend his holdings near Highgrove so he can take a more active part in day-to-day farming, a statement from Buckingham Palace said.

Buckingham Palace said that terms had been agreed. The farm was owned by Mr Tony Keen, who ran IBL Farms with his father-in-law, Sir Kenneth Preston.

Boy of 3 is awarded £30 for smack

Dion Hatfield aged three, who ran into the road and was almost knocked down, was awarded £30 compensation yesterday at Teesside Crown *Court for a smack dealt him by* his mother's friend, David Currie, aged 19, of Rievaulx Avenue, Billingham-on-Tees. Mr Currie, who admitted assault causing actual bodily harm, was put on probation for a year and ordered to pay the compensation at £1 a week to the boy, of Appleby Road, Billingham. It was suggested that he also buy a present.

Wife accused

Mrs Sukhpal Kaur Gill aged 28, of Murchison Road, Leyton, east *London, and Hardev Singh* Grewal, who are accused of conspiring to murder Mr Harbaksh Singh Gill at Denham, Buckinghamshire, were remanded in custody until November 2 by magistrates at Beaconsfield, Buckinghamshire, yesterday.

Box for sale

Enormous interest was reported yesterday in a grand-tier box at the Alber Hall which is for sale for at least £80,000. The 10-seat box is one of only three owned by descendants of the original holders, and entitles its owner to see any event at the Albert Hall.

Woman cleared

Mrs Celia Marks, aged 34, a housewife of Devonport Street, Stepney, east London, was cleared at the Central Criminal Court yesterday of recruiting a security guard to give information to aid a £142,000 armed robbery in the City.

Crash inquiry

The public inquiry into the Wembley Central train crash, in which three people died, on October 11, will be held at the Great Eastern Hotel, Liverpool Street, London on November 9.

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Councils advised to use escape hatch

RATE CAPPING

Time was getting short for those local authorities who felt they had been unfairly treated in the setting of rate expenditure levels, Mr Patrick Jenkin, Secretary of State for the Environment, warned during questions in the Commons about rate capping.

He urged such authorities to come forward. It was not too late for them to apply for redetermination of spending limits, but by the time the rate limits had been set it would be too late.

He emphasized that any authority anxious to apply for redetermination need not fear that that would allow him to interfere across the board. That was not his intention. The House had given them the escape hatch of redetermination and they should use it.

He hoped they would as it was not the Government's intention that authorities should make cuts of anything like the 11 per cent and other figures mentioned by Labour MPs.

Mr Jenkin told Mr Frank Dobson (Holborn and St Pancras, Lab), who had asked when he next proposed meeting the chairman of the Association of Metropolitan Authorities to discuss the designations made under the Rates Act, that the AMA had not asked for such a meeting. If they did so, he would be happy to meet them.

Mr Dobson: When he announced expenditure levels for designated authorities, he gave the impression they would have to cut their expenditure by 5 or 6 per cent. Does he now accept that the average reduction that is sought from them is 11 per cent? Camden Council is expected to cut its spending by 15 per cent, Lewisham 14 per cent and Leicester 15 per cent?

Does he not accept that this is a totally monstrous deception he is trying to practise on people in these areas?

Mr Jenkin: It is nothing of the sort. Our intention is that the real spending of local authorities should be held to the same cash level next year as this year.

Of course we do not have information and the authorities are not obliged to supply information on their use of funds and other balances and the accounting devices they may have used to reach this year's spending.

That is why the House provided an opportunity for those authorities who feel that the limit we have set was unreasonable to come along and seek a redetermination of that limit. No one has done so. I must assume from that they are perfectly prepared to live within the limit I have set.

Mr John Cartwright (Woolwich, SDP): Does he not yet understand that rate capped authorities are effectively prevented from seeking formal derogation because to do so would automatically bestow on the Secretary of State wide-ranging powers of interference in their *internal affairs*?

Is he willing to hold informal discussions with rate capped authorities who are anxious to show him the expenditure limits imposed on them are unreasonably harsh?

Mr Jenkin: Such informal discussions are taking place in a number of cases. I am aware of the anxiety some councillors have expressed. That is why I made it abundantly clear it is no part of this Government's intention to interfere in the detail of local authority spending.

My only concern is to set the upper limit in accordance with the powers this House has conferred on the Government.

Any authority which is anxious to apply for redetermination need not fear that that will allow me to interfere across the board. They can dismiss that fear. That is not my intention. And it is not too late for those who feel it is unreasonable to apply for redetermination.

Dr John Cunningham, chief Opposition spokesman on the environment: Is it not dishonest of him to say he did not have information from local authorities about their expenditure from balances and resources? Was not such information given to him by authorities in the normal returns sent to his department? Was not that what he admitted to the AMA conference at Doncaster?

His statement to the House that cuts in budgets of 5 per cent were all that were required is patently dishonest. The average cut being required by local authorities is of the order of 10 to 11 per cent. Why does he not come clean and admit it?

Mr Jenkin: My officials do not have the details of the use of funds and balances and other accounting devices which are used by local authorities to arrive at this year's budget. We do not have a complete picture.

I am sure it was right to start from the published figures. I am sure it was right to say it was our intention they should spend no more next year than the same cash sum they are spending this year. Of course, because of the use of balances – and many authorities have made it clear that that is how they arrived at this year's figure – it may well be appropriate for them to come and apply for redetermination.

This House has given them that escape hatch. It will be upon them and the communities they serve if they fail to use it and fill themselves having to make bigger cuts than we ever intended.

They have it in their power to come along and ask and I hope they will do that because it is not our intention they should make cuts of anything like the figure he has mentioned.

He added later: I cannot, in compliance with the law, rule out for all time that the power might be used in a wider sense, but for the moment I cannot see any circumstances in which I would want to use the power more widely than that.

I hope that authorities who feel they have been unfairly treated in this setting of the limit will exercise the power. Time is getting short. We will have to set the rate limits. But that time, I suspect, it will be too late.

Cunningham: Statement is patently dishonest

Replying to Mr Peter Bruinvels (Leister East, C) he said: The law is on the statute book and the procedures will be applied. If Leicester do not apply for re-determination a rate will be set which will be relevenat to the expenditure limit we have fixed for them. The rates in leicester will be lowre thatn they have been.

Mr Jack Straw, an Opposition spokesman on the environment (Blackburn, Lab): Such is the breakdown of trust between Labour and Conservative authorities and his department that in the absence of a categorical assurance that he will not impose conditions or lower limits authorities are scared about making application to him.

Since he has admitted that the effect of his expenditure limits will be to impose cuts on authorities of about 11 per cent, will he withdraw his original July statement and seek to have proper negotiations on the basis of the real levels of expenditure prevailing in the 16 rate-capped authorities?

Mr Jenkin: Of course not. The Act lays down the procedure for those discussions to take place. They need to be initiated by the authorities concerned and it is up to them to use the procedures.

Countryside Act hint

Mr William Waldegrave, Under Secretary for the Environment, defended the Wildlife and Countryside Act in the Commons at question time but agreed that it needed improvement.

Dr David Clark, an Opposition spokesman on the environment, said parts of the 1981 Act had turned the countryside into a disaster area. Why had the Government not accepted Labour's repeated offers to help it with remedial legislation?

Mr Waldegrave: It would be wrong to blame the Act. Had it not been there the damage would have been much greater.

I accept what Dr Clark says, that it is necessary to make improvements in the Act, and I am grateful for his offer of help which we might shortly take up.

Calls for flexible drinking laws

HOUSE OF LORDS

The Government is to study a survey being made on the effects of changes to the licensing laws in Scotland before coming to any decision on the future of licensing legislation in England and Wales, although there were no immediate plans for change, Lady Trumpington, a Government spokesman, said during question time in the House of Lords.

Asked if the Government would introduce legislation to liberalise or repeal the licensing laws and the Sunday observance laws, she said: The view taken by successe governments has been that this is a matter more suitable for a private member's *Bill* rather than government legislation.

We therefore have no plans of our own for legislation. As for the law on liquor licensing, there is no immediate prospect of legislation.

Lord Monson (Ind): Is it not time the licensing laws in England and Wales were brought into line with the more liberal laws that apply in Scotland and have caused no difficulty over the past seven years?

Is it not time the Government plucked up courage and decided to stand up to the Lord's Day Observance Society who represent no more than one-tenth of one per cent of the population.

Lady Trumpington: Certain relations have been made in Scotland and the Secretary of State for Scotland, Mr George Younger, has announced a survey is to be undertaken on the workings of the Scottish legislation.

We will want to see the results and evaluate carefully the effect of the extension of licensing hours in Scotland before deciding whether similar relaxations should be introduced in England and Wales.

Many people believe our opening hours are too restrictive and we receive many representations in favour of greater flexibility of hours, particularly from those in the catering, leisure, tourist and licensing trades.

On the other hand others are deeply concerned about the problem of alcohol misuse and are worried that longer hours may lead to increased alcohol consumption.

Britain to provide cash and food to help starving in Ethiopia

FAMINE RELIEF

Sir Geoffrey Howe, the Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, told the Commons that the Government had pledged an extra £5m plus more than 6,000 tonnes of surplus food stocks to help the famine victims in Ethiopia and other African countries hit by drought.

Following his statement on the EEC Foreign Affairs Council, Sir Geoffrey Howe, replying to a call for help from Mr Edward Taylor (Southend East, C), announced that the Government would be calling on other EEC governments to provide further substantial help from the emergency provision of the European development fund and this year's European community food aid programmes.

He said: The Ethiopian problem is only one aspect, albeit a particularly tragic one, of the general problem of drought and famine in Africa and elsewhere. However, we propose to make a further major contribution.

We are urging on our colleagues in Europe (he added) the need for further substantial contributions from the emergency provision of the European development fund and this year's community food aid programme.

I must warn the House however of the difficulties in getting help to those who need it.

Mr James Spicer (West Dorset, C) said the main problem was a logistical one of getting supplies to the right places. He called for the setting up of a EEC standing logistics team to deal with such problems.

Sir Geoffrey Howe said he would draw the attention of EEC ministers to this idea.

Sir Geoffrey Howe said in his statement that considerable progress had been made in the negotiations on the accession of Spain and Portugal planned for January 1, 1986.

He reiterated that Britain's willingness to participate in intergovernmental agreement to provide 1,000m ecu of supplementary finance to cover the EEC's inescapable financial obligations for 1984 depended on both the release of the UK refunds for 1983 and the achievement of a satisfactory text on budget discipline.

The Irish Presidency was now conducting further consultations with a view to reaching final agreement on measures to implement the Fontainbleau principles on budget discipline at an early meeting of the Council of Ministers.

On October 10 the European Parliament voted to release the UK's refunds amounting to £440m. Ninety per cent of gross refund – ie £528m – was due to be paid to the UK in the course of the next few days.

Howe: Urging EEC colleagues to make a contribution

Mr Robin Cook, Opposition spokesman on EEC affairs, said the reason the rebate was being paid was because the Government had surrendered to the conditions imposed by the European Parliament when it blocked the rebate in July. The Government had submitted to a whip-round for additional expenditure in the 1984 budget.

When Parliament (he said) is invited to give its approval to this supplementary finance some of us may take the view that it is an odd way of going about enforcing financial discipline in the EEC to offer Brussels even more money to spend.

Sir Geoffrey Howe said Britain had made clear in the negotiations that Parliament would have to agree the additional finance.

We have (he said) made clear throughout that we were prepared to consider the financing of the inescapable obligations of the Community once all possible savings had been found and provided that other issues were also resolved.

The threatened budget overrun for 1984 was originally 2,300m ecu. That has been reduced as a result of negotiations during the summer to less than half that, to 1,000m ecu.

We agreed to contribute a share of the residual sum provided the 1983 refund was released, as it has been, and provided agreement was reached on a text on budget discipline.

Mr Nicholas Winterton (Macclesfield, C): His statement will not be universally welcomed on this side of the House. The British farmer is a sacrificial lamb on the altar of the European budget; British Aerospace has been unjustly deprived of an order for three 748s from the Leeward Islands because of the intrigue of the French commissioner; and the accession of Spain and Portugal could lead to a grotesque increase in unemployment in this country.

Sir Geoffrey Howe: The changes taking place in the CAP are changes intended to take place and are taking place throughout the Community. Of course they involve hardship and change and sacrifice for farmers of different kinds but they are inevitable.

It is not correct to conclude that enlargement offers the prospect of mass unemployment. It offers the prospect of a large and increasingly free access to the Spanish market, so far entirely protected.

Propaganda campaign labelled tissue of lies by minister

GLC ABOLITION

People had been fed a tissue of lies at ratepayers' expense in the propaganda campaign waged against abolition of the Greater London Council and the metropolitan councils, Mr Patrick Jenkin, Secretary of State for the Environment, said during questions in the Commons.

He claimed there was widespread support for the abolition and turned down a request for an inquiry into the Government's proposals as serving no purpose.

Replying to Mr Robert Wareing (Liverpool, West Derby, Lab) who had asked how discussions were going on abolition, Mr Jenkin said some bodies were still refusing to take part in talks. They would only have themselves to blame if they did not like what was decided, he added.

Mr Wareing: In the light of his recent announcement that he will be setting up two inquiries into local government finance, why does he continue to ignore the call for an independent inquiry into finance and structure?

Mr Jenkins: An inquiry into abolition would not serve any purpose. There is widespread support for a simplification of the structure in metropolitan areas. We are confident this is the right course to pursue.

Mr John Heddle (Mid Staffordshire, C): The bye-elections inspired by Mr Livingstone and his cohorts were an expensive and meaningless sham and the turnout was ludicrously low.

Abolition will not return control to Whitehall but to the directly elected borough councils who are much more responsive to the needs and wishes of the ratepayers.

Mr Jenkin: I agree that the manufactured bye-elections were an expensive stunt. The GLC-engineered propaganda campaign is founded upon falsehoods.

Heddle: Boroughs are much more responsive to needs

Mr Simon Hughes (Southwark and Bermondsey, L): There may be some support but there is widespread concern that the details of abolition have not been thought out or argued through.

There is a case for a separate local inquiry with local councils and the public, for the first time, making a contribution.

Mr Jenkin: I disagree. It will now be put forward for debate in this House and the Lords when the Bill is introduced, hopefully early in the next session of Parliament.

Dr John Cunningham, chief Opposition spokesman on the environment: Can he honestly tell the House that there is overwhelming support in London and the metropolitan areas for the Government's policy? Is not the reverse the truth? And is there not an overwhelming burden of evidence against what the Government is proposing?

Why has he consented to hold an inquiry into local government finance where a few months ago his colleague said that such an inquiry would be of no value at all?

Mr Jenkin: Dr Cunningham has been urging an inquiry, so I hope that he welcomes the announcements I made at Brighton.

There is widespread support, particularly amongst those who follow local government affairs. The public have been fed with a tissue of lies at the ratepayers' expense by the propaganda spread across the newspapers and hoardings. It is not surprising if some have been a little misled.

Impact of oil and gas projects

ENVIRONMENT

Oil and gas development on shore will not be allowed to proceed unless the proposals are environmentally acceptable, Mr Kenneth Baker, Minister for Local Government, said during Commons questions about the oilfield at Wytch Farm, Dorset.

The question was raised by Mr Archy Kirkwood, (Roxburgh and Berwickshire, L) who asked for a statement on the environmental implications of the Wytch Farm development.

Mr Baker said he understood that BP's proposals were currently subject to consultation with interested parties, and a planning application was expected in due course.

I am well aware of the sensitive environmental issues raised by these proposals (he said) and would expect any application to be subject to rigorous scrutiny by Dorset County Council in the first instance.

Mr Kirkwood: I appreciate the national importance of the sensitive site ecology at Wytch Farm. Will he use his good offices to require BP, if it does not have the measure of the needs of the situation, to undertake a hydrological survey of Poole Harbour and an ecological survey of the area.

Mr Baker: In the first instance that must be a matter for Dorset County Council in the light of the policies of their approved structure plan. Widespread consultation is going on and I pay tribute to the restrictions Dorset County Council has imposed on the first development at Wyton Farm which have made it environmentally acceptable.

Mr John Ward (Poole, C) asked Mr Baker to bear in mind the need to protect the environmental safety of Poole Harbour, which was not only a commercial and leisure centre but a source of income for local fishermen.

Mr Baker: Poole Harbour is an important place for recreation, leisure and environmental reasons. Widespread consultations are taking place.

Thames crossing

The public inquiry into the East London river crossing is to open next summer, Mrs Lynda Chalker, Minister of State for Transport, said in a Commons written reply.

Redundancy threat in ammunition factories

PRIVATIZATION

Advising the Commons to reject a Lords amendment to the Ordnance Factories and Military Services Bill Mr Adam Butler, Minister of State for Defence Procurement, said it proposed that a scheme for the privatization of Royal Ordnance Factory assets could not take effect until that scheme had been considered and approved by both Houses. It was solely to delay matters.

Both Houses had approved the main and crucial provisions of the Bill. They could not afford to risk any further delay but should remove uncertainty and let the new company get down to business and show what it could do.

In certain of the ammunition and explosives factories the order book was weak. Unless it recovered it was difficult to see other than that there would be a need for redundancies. The management were doing what they could to find new orders. They were looking to see whether it was possible to adjust production programmes and therefore no final decisions in this matter had been taken.

Over the past two or three years, since the Falklands conflict and generally to improve the war maintenance reserve, stocks of the appropriate ammunition and explosives had been built up and factories had been operating at a high level in consequence. The additional work load associated with these enhancements was now coming to an end and Ministry of Defence requirements would return to their normal levels.

Mr Kevin McNamara, an Opposition spokesman on defence and disarmament, said the Bill gave the Government a blank cheque to do what it wished. To suggest that there would be proper parliamentary scrutiny after the decision had been taken was nonsense because there was no proper method to do this.

Mr Paddy Ashdown (Yeovil, L) said it was no exaggeration to say the nation's defence was tied to this Bill. What the Government was attmepting to do at this point was no less than an abuse of ministerial power and no less than showing scant disregard and even scorn for the Commons. He and the Liberals would be voting in favour of the amendment.

The amendment was rejected by 258 votes to 189 – Government majority, 69.

Extended BST would not save coal

Extending British Summer Time with the idea of conserving energy during the mining dispute would in fact increase consumption, Lady Trumpington, a Government spokesman, said in the House of Lords.

To change all the time clocks in these installations would mean visiting every home, she said, and the board had estimated the cost at around £6m. The extension would also mean children going to school in the dark

Support for Bill to curb glue sniffing

The Government is prepared to support a private member's Bill to make it an offence to supply a substance to a person under 16 knowing or believing that it was likely to be inhaled to achieve intoxication, Mr David Mellor, Under Secretary of State Home Office, said in a Commons written reply.

Widespread consultation among representatives of retailers' associations indicated widespread support for such a measure, he said.

Access to cult members

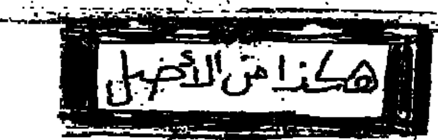
A trigger mechanism aimed at providing grieved and worried parents with an opportunity to seek legal redress where they were denied access to next of kin involved in religious sects and cults was proposed by Mr David Alton, (Liverpool, Mossley Hill, L).

Mr Alton was given leave in the Commons to introduce the Control of Religious Sects and Cults Bill.

He said he wanted to see freedom of access to cult members at all times and a right to know where one's child was.

Access was sometimes denied by removal of a person's child to a different location

It is not the theology of the cults with which I am concerned, (he said), but the harmful actions resulting from that theology.



Hurd may relax Ulster towns security in drive for 'normality'

From Richard Ford, Belfast

The Secretary of State for Northern Ireland is considering signing an order which would enable a major relaxation of security measures in Northern Ireland's towns and cities.

By signing the order, Mr Douglas Hurd would be signalling a further step along the Government's long-term road of trying to portray the province as returning slowly to "normality" and encouraging investment.

If Mr Hurd agrees, the proposals will allow for the removal of controlled zones, in which parking is forbidden in many towns unless passengers are in a car, and of security barriers outside Belfast. Such security measures have been in force since the early 1970s when terrorist car bombs wrought havoc in commercial centres across the province.

However, they would only be relaxed or removed completely on the advice of local police commanders but relaxation has occurred already in Belfast where the searching which used to take place on entering the city centre has all but ended.

However, Mr Hurd is understood to be extremely cautious in his approach to the matter, though security sources say that if the order is signed the relaxation could take place over a wide area within a matter of months.

Already the anti-car bomb controls have been lifted in Londonderry although it is understood they were not supposed to be until November 1 and police officers are reluctant to discuss the drift of policy in public for fear of attracting the attention of terrorists who might alter their tactics and begin bombings in commercial areas once more.

Throughout the province generally there is now a more relaxed attitude and Belfast is crowded with shoppers at weekends with new shops opening in the city centre which is still surrounded by 8-ft high security barriers.

In smaller towns it is thought that controls could be removed almost completely as long as normal parking restrictions were strictly enforced. But even if there is relaxation many stores will keep their own security guards because they believe customers feel more at ease.

The real worry for the Government is that the terrorists may alter their tactics which because they have not involved bombs in commercial areas have enabled the Government to say there has been a return to normality.

In a recent article in a Dublin-based magazine a Republican source said that Belfast City Centre was now being advertise as a marvellous big shopping centre.

Security sources feared that this could be a hint that terrorists might attack the city centre and certainly there has been an increased police presence in the area as the nights have become darker.

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BELFAST
N IRELAND
COUNTY ARMAGH
Route of tanker holding 28,000 litres of petrol
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Empty tanker
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300 metres
300 lb of explosive in milk churn
300 lb of explosive wrapped in plastic
100 lb of explosive in milk churn
Dirt track

Six-day operation to foil booby-trap

An elaborate Provisional IRA attempt to blow up soldiers with a triple booby-trap landmine has been foiled in one of the largest operations by army bomb disposal experts in Northern Ireland for many years.

Terrorists used a hijacked petrol tanker abandoned in the dagerous south Armagh borderland as bait, hoping to lure soldiers to their death by planting three huge hidden landmines near the vehicle. Army bomb disposal experts worked for six days in the "bandit country" near Crossmaglen to defuse the 700 lb triple bomb.

The carefully planned plot to kill members of the security forces began 10 days ago when the Provisional IRA hijacked a Shell petrol tanker taking 28,000 litres of fuel from Belfast to Crossmaglen.

The tanker was hijacked at Silverbridge, and left in an isolated cul de sac off a cross-border road at Clonalig, a few miles from Crossmaglen. The Army spent several days photographing the tanker from the air before moving in seven days ago with several teams of bomb disposal men

Police on both sides of the border were in contact with each other, closing roads and evacuating families from their homes in case of explosions.

Terrorists packed 100 lb of home-made explosives into a milk churn and dug it into the ground about 300 yards from the abandoned tanker. A few yards away, they then planted a 300 lb device wrapped in plastic, expecting that as soldiers began to defuse the first bomb they would trigger the second one.

About 100 yards from the tanker, and further along the lane, security forces found another milk churn packed with 300 lb of explosives, with 20 lb of shrapnel built around it. None of the devices, dug into the ground and hidden by undergrowth, was linked to the tanker, which had been emptied of its valuable fuel.

Huge landines are a popular weapon for the Provisionals. Some are operated by remote control as vehicles pass over them; others explode when touched, or when a plate is stepped on.

A police spokesman described the devices as "fiendish", adding that anyone approaching on the road could have been blown up. "It was only the expertise and courage of the bomb disposal men which undoubtedly saved many, many lives." The operation was the longest of its kind for several years.

The Provisional IRA in Crossmaglen admitted responsibility for the elaborate trap.

'Snatched' photograph condemned

A senior nursing officer who had been suspended from duty was manoeuvred out of his house and a photograph of him taken without his consent, the Press Council has ruled.

The council upheld a complaint by Mr Amadeo Dell'Erario, of St Albans, Herts, that journalists from *The Review*, St Albans, used improper methods to obtain and publish a photograph of him. The newspaper was censured for an improper intrusion into his privacy.

Mr Dell'Erario had said that his doorbell had been rung and when he opened the door he was immeadiately pushed into the hall by a woman who identified herself as Mrs Pat Krett, a reporter.

Mrs Krett asked if he had any comment to make on the hospital report, and as he was saying no, she pushed open the front door and pushed him outside, shutting the door behind him so that she was in the house, Mr Dell'Erario said. He then discovered that a photographer standing in the street was taking his photograph.

Mr Dell'Erario told the Press Council that he did not object to the published story.

Acid stolen for schools' vendetta

A vendetta between two schools reached potentially horrific proportions when acid was stolen from chemistry laboratories for a gang fight.

Scores of police officers dispersed 300 fifth formers from Enfield Chase boys' school and Kingsmead boys' school from a car park in Southbury Road, Enfield, north London, during the lunch-hour on October 15. One boy aged 14 was carrying nitric acid and sodium hydroxide.

Tottenham Juvenile Court yesterday criticized teaching staff at Kingsmead school for leaving laboratories unsupervized. The boy who admitted stealing the acid and possessing it as an offensive weapon was fined £400.

Mr James Campbell, for the defence, said that the acid theft was reckless rather than malicious.

The vendetta gained momentum after the death in September of a boy killed by a car as he ran into the road to escape a rival gang. Spot checks on both schools revealed knives and other weapons. But since the police had cautioned pupils at both schools there had been no trouble.

Bleeping for the baby

By Bill Johnstone, Technology Correspondent

Parents who frequently have to leave their children with babysitters are expected to be among those attracted to cheap radio-telephone pagers to be sold by W. H. Smith, the retailer chain.

The pagers, which will retail from under £100, will be stocked at first in nine London stores, and if successful will be offered in others. The pagers are made in Japan but will be operated by Inter-City Paging (IPL), one of four groups licensed to operate a national paging network. The others are Air Call, Digital Paging and British Telecom.

Each purchaser is allocated a personal code for the bleeper. Anyone wishing to contact the person holding it dials IPL which bleeps the holder, using VHF radio transmitters within a 30-mile radius of the London area.

In the United States, pagers have been sold to about 2 per cent of the population



Bleak playground: Fryston, near Castleford, one of the Yorkshire pit villages considering its future in the light of the miners' strike. Much of the housing is deteriorating and local people have complained that £1m promised to renovate it has not materialized. Photograph: Brian Harris.

Nottinghamshire mining areas

Community	District	% unemply'd men (1981 figs)	Men in mining as % total in jobs	% travelling less than 5km to work	Neighbouring colliery/jobs
Ollerton North	Newark	7.2	77	86	Ollerton/1,100
Harworth East	Bassetlaw	10.0	72	74	Harworth/1,100
Meden	Mansfield	8.0	69	56	Welbeck/1,200
Clipston	Newark	7.6	62	55	Clipston/1,300
Edwinstone	Newark	4.7	61	52	Thoresby/1,300
Ash Lea	Rushcliffe	7.5	55	44	Cotgrave/1,700
Rufford	Newark	5.6	55	45	Rufford/1,300
Rainworth	Newark	6.4	54	46	" "
Forest Town	Mansfield	7.0	51	59	Mansfield/1,300
Bildworth	Newark	8.1	49	51	Bildworth/937

Household	South Yorks %	Notts %
Owner occupied	43.7	49
Council	45	31.2
Lacking bath or sharing WC	4.4	8.4
More than one person per room	3.9	3.5
No children	62.7	61.2
No working adults	28.2	25.1
No car	53.7	41.8
Pre-1914 terrace housing	7.7	12.2
Ethnic minority	Nil	Nil
Detached houses	Nil	0.4

Future of pit villages: 2

Mobility lacking in Yorkshire homes

Detailed analysis of 1981 census data for the Yorkshire pit villages suggests how industrial solidarity extends into community life. David Walker, Social Policy Correspondent, continues his report.

Census data for 20 Yorkshire villages, where more than a quarter of men are employed in the pits, shows a series of youngish, rathe immobile communities, where housing quality is above average but owner occupation is less than the national figure.

On behalf of *The Times*, CACI, the market researchers, studied census data for the 20 South Yorkshire wards with the heaviest employment in mining. The communities run from Thurnscoe, where 64 per cent of men are miners, to the central area of Barnsley, where 29 per cent are employed in mining.

The picture shows council housing much higher than the national figure of about one-third of tenures. Housing in the Barnsley and Doncaster areas is predominantly in estates of terraces and blocks built mostly since the Second World War.

Perhaps surprisingly, nearly two-thirds of households in the mining areas of South Yorkshire have no resident children. Single parents are scarce; non-whites are completely absent.

There is a high figure for households with more than two adults, suggesting perhaps the presence of grandparents in extended families and younger married couples living with parents. Together, the unemployed and pensioners make up about 28 per cent of households.

Strikingly, these communities lack mobility. More than half of households have no car, which must make job getting more difficult. That is a social characteristic which makes Yorkshire noticeably different from the mining areas of Nottinghamshire, where 60 per cent of households have cars.

Taking the top 20 Nottinghamshire wards with the heaviest concentration of employment in mining, we find social conditions not markedly different.

However, in Nottinghamshire council housing is more like the national average and there is more "tied" accommodation, housing rented out by the National Coal Board. Housing tends to be older and of poorer quality.

Several communities are more dependent on mining than even the closest-knit South Yorkshire village. About 10 wards are dependent on mining for more than half of all men's jobs.

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Gas cylinder ban for tower blocks urged by minister

By Charles Knevitt, Architecture Correspondent

The Government is urging local authorities to stop the use and storage of liquefied petroleum gas cylinders in residential tower blocks to prevent another Ronan Point disaster.

It said that there is evidence that their use is increasing, in spite of warnings by gas suppliers to their agents that they should not be sold to tenants of flats of four storeys or more.

Mr Ian Gow, Minister for Housing and Construction, also said that each authority was responsible for checking the safety of its tower blocks after a recent decision by Newham Borough Council, east London, to evacuate eight blocks similar to Ronan Point.

The minister was replying to two written questions from Mr Nigel Spearing, Labour MP for Newham South, whose constituency includes Ronan Point.

He said that the Government's building research establishment is investigating the problems highlighted at Ronan Point.

Further guidance will be given to authorities with Taylor Woodrow Anglian blocks in Britain. Nearly 600 tower blocks, containing nearly 40,000 flats, were strengthened at a cost of more than £100m after the Ronan Point disaster in 1968, which killed five people.

Mr Gow also confirmed that there was evidence that an early draft of part of the Ronan Point public inquiry report was changed along lines suggested in an allegation published in *The Times*. He added that he was unable to find a sheet containing the specific words quoted: "Deleted in a broad knibbed pen in purple ink".

The allegation was that a paragraph describing the strength of some walls in Ronan Point as comparable only to "the glass in a good window", was deleted by a government official, against the wishes of the author.

The Government said that the tribunal papers contained no evidence that the text signed by tribunal members and its secretary, was altered between its signature, receipt by the minister, and printing. That was not alleged in *The Times*' report.

Mr Gow added that changes in working drafts were normal for a report of such length and complexity.



Growth industry: Andrew Kay, aged 19, from Sheffield, who since becoming an unemployed school leaver last year has raised cacti for local garden centres, supported by a bank loan and a Manpower Services Commission award. Now he has a £5,000 turnover.

Divisions at Plaid Cymru conference

From Tim Jones
Cardiff

The divisions in Plaid Cymru, which have been so carefully plastered over during the last three years by its president, Mr Dafydd Wigley, are threatening to dominate the party conference, which begins today.

Delegates are to debate two motions which will bring the rift into the open as the fundamental philosophy and future derection of the party is examined.

The debate has come about because of the decision of Mr Wigley, MP for Caernarfon, to step down for family reasons. Two of his children have deteriorating

Two candidates for the post, Mr Dafydd Elis Thomas and Mr Dafydd Iwan, the chairman, represent respectively the so-called red and green wings of the party.

Race bias 'offence' idea upsets police

By Peter Evans

The Police Federation has written to Mr Leon Brittan, the Home Secretary, to protest against unexpected moves to make racial discrimination a disciplinary offence. The Police Superintendents Association also objects.

Mr Leslie Curtis, the federation's chairman, yesterday accused the Government of going back on undertakings by ministers to the federation and Parliament during previous stages of the Police and Criminal Evidence Bill.

Mr Giles Shaw, Minister of State, Home Office, told Mr Curtis that the Government would not seek to overturn in the Commons tomorrow an amendment to the Bill in the Lords moved by Lord Scarman.

The Government was defeated last Friday by 71-65 on the amendment, which said that racially discriminatory behaviour should be made a specific disciplinary offence. It had been the Government's view that racial discrimination was covered by the disciplinary code.

Police Federation officials fear the offence will be "seized on gleefully by police monitoring groups in London and militant ethnic groups.

BUt the Commission for Racial Equality said yesterday: "To make racially discriminatory behaviour a specific offence in the disciplinary code is the single of the black community in the police."

French facing a day of chaos in united strike over pay offer

From Diana Geddes, Paris

Trains, air flights, banks, schools, hospitals and other services are expected to be severely disrupted throughout France today by a 24-hour strike called by six unions representing most of the country's 4.5 million public employees.

The strike is in protest against the Government's decision to increase wages in the public service sector this year by nearly 7 per cent. The unions, which until last year were used to having their wages indexed to the inflation rate, say the offer is unacceptable.

However, the Government argues that the total public salary bill will have increased by 7.6 per cent this year, which is exactly in line with its forecasts of the average rate of inflation during the year.

It appears determined to stick to its offer, which it sees as a pace-setter for coming wage negotiations in the private sector. Privately, it hopes that the public will not have much sympathy for a strike by employees who continue to enjoy job secutity at a time when hundreds of thousands of industrial workers are being made redundant.

The unions, and in particular the Communist-led CGT, are hoping for a big response today. They see the strike as a test of strength of their rank and file's opposition to the Government's policy of economic rigour. Only the Socialist CDFT union has declined to take part.

Similar action by three public service unions last March resulted in the biggest single display of union discontent since the Socialists came to power in 1981. However, apart from their first year in office, when there was an outburst of unrest over plans to reduce wages in proportion to the cut in the working week, the Government has remained remarkably free from widespread union disputes.

A total of 1.7 million days were lost through strikes in the 12 months up to last July, which was one of the lowest totals in the past decade and compares with a peak of 6.3 million days lost 10 years earlier.

Despite the economic crisis and widespread discontent among workers, the unions are finding it difficult to mobilize their forces except for specific action on a local basis.

Hence the importance of today's nationwide action. A strike by air-traffic controllers will mean the cancellation of virtually all flights between 6am and 10pm.

It was expected that only one in four trains would run between 9pm last night and 6am tomorrow and most trains bound for foreign destinations are likely to be cancelled. Delays can be expected at most ports and frontier posts because of action by custom officials.

In Paris, Métro and bus services are expected to be running almost normally, after a last-minute special five per cent pay offer induced all but one union representing employees in those services to call off their strike. But traffic in the capital is expected to be disrupted by union demonstrations.

Aborigines enter a new world

From Tony Duboudin
Melbourne

The Federal Government is keeping secret the whereabouts of a small family of aborigines who have emerged from the great sandy desert in Western Central Australia to make what is believed to be their first contact with modern life.

The family, two men, three women, two boys and two girls, part of the Pimtubi group or tribe, made contact last week with other Pimtube aborigines who left European settlements and moved back into the desert.

The Pimtudi have lived in the area of Western Central Australia for an estimated 40,000 years and were among the last aboriginal groups to move into European settlements in the 1960s.

Apparently until the family established contact with other Pimtube they had lived in isolation in the harsh sandy aread of the desert, using traditional skills of hunting and food gathering to survive. It is understood that the aborigine who has acted as a go-between for the family is married to a woman whose sister is one of the family group.

The family speaks an old version of Pimtubi, which is a well documented aboriginal language.

Mr Clyde Holding, the *Minister for Aboriginal Affairs*, who is expected to meet the family later this week, said on Tuesday that steps were being taken to ease the cultural shock and to minimize health risks to the family.



President Jayewardene: Success against rebels.

Setback for Sri Lankan separatists

From Our Correspondent
Colombo

Security forces scored one of their biggest successes in recent months on Tuesday when army personnel struck at the northern command of the Tamil Eelam Liberation organisation killing three Tamil separatist rebels andcapturing the "military leader" of the group.

Chinese-made rifles stolen from the security forces as well as ammunition, grenades, uniforms and material for uniforms were seized.

Government sources said yesterday interrogation of the captured rebels had revealed that they were planning to disrupt polling in a parliamentary by – election to be held at Minneriya in the North Central *province today*.

Police have detained two people in Colombo and three at Vavuniya in the north in connexion with bomb explosions in Colombo on Monday killing three people.

Two quit Prague embassy

From Michael Binyon, Bonn

Bonn has announced that two East Germans who had taken refuge in the West German Embassy in Prague returned home in Tuesday, without apparently obtaining guarantees they would subsequently be allowed to emigrate to the West.

Negotiations are still going on over the fate of the remaining 140 or so refugees in the embassy, but there are signs that a gradual end to the occupation may be in sight. The East German authorities are reported to have given permission to a woman who is eight months pregnant to leave for the West to have her baby there.

Walesa asks Jaruzelski to step up search for pro-Solidarity priest

From Roger Boyes, Warsaw

Mr Lech Walesa and the underground leaders of Solidarity yesterday pressed General Jaruzelski's government to step up its search for the kidnapped priest, Father Jerzy Popieluszko, daclaring that "individual terrorism and blackmail have become a permanent instrument of political struggle" in Poland.

As Mr Walesa released his statement, it bacame clear that some workers wanted to exert other, perhaps more dangerous pressure on the authorities. A leaflet passed from hand to hand among parishioners at Father Popieluszko's church, announced: "We call upon Warsaw factories who owe Father Jerzy so much that from October 25 they should put themselves on strike alert and, if he does not return, they should stage strikes, in the prearranged forms, from Monday. Give us back our Father Jerzy".

Helicopteers flew over the Warsaw steel works and police units stood by after reports that a group of workers might walk to the church of Father Popieluszko, but attempts to organize a march failed and the workers dispersed quietly and without police intervention.

The leaflet circulated in the church was signed by the Workers' Solidarity Committee" of the Warsaw steelworks, but some workers at the plant said they were unsure of the authenticity of the appeal. "It might just be a provocation" one said "Somebody is trying to sow chaos out of chaos".

The question of who that "somebody" is, of who is behind last Friday's kidnapping of the Solidarity priest, is dominating the thoughts of the Government, Solidarity and the church.

Solidarity seems in little doubt that the culprits are either disgrunteld members of the security service or are at least sheltered by sympathetic, hardline elements in the police.

Mr Walesa's statement, drawn up after he met in secret on Monday with the leaders of Solidarity, said: "In a country where law is continuously and commonly violated, where security forces serve exclusively the interests of the authorities and are not subject to any social control, every incident like this can bring about unimaginable results".

The police have detained five people, including a member of the Interior Ministry, who live near the scene of the abduction and who drive cars similar to that used by the kidnappers.

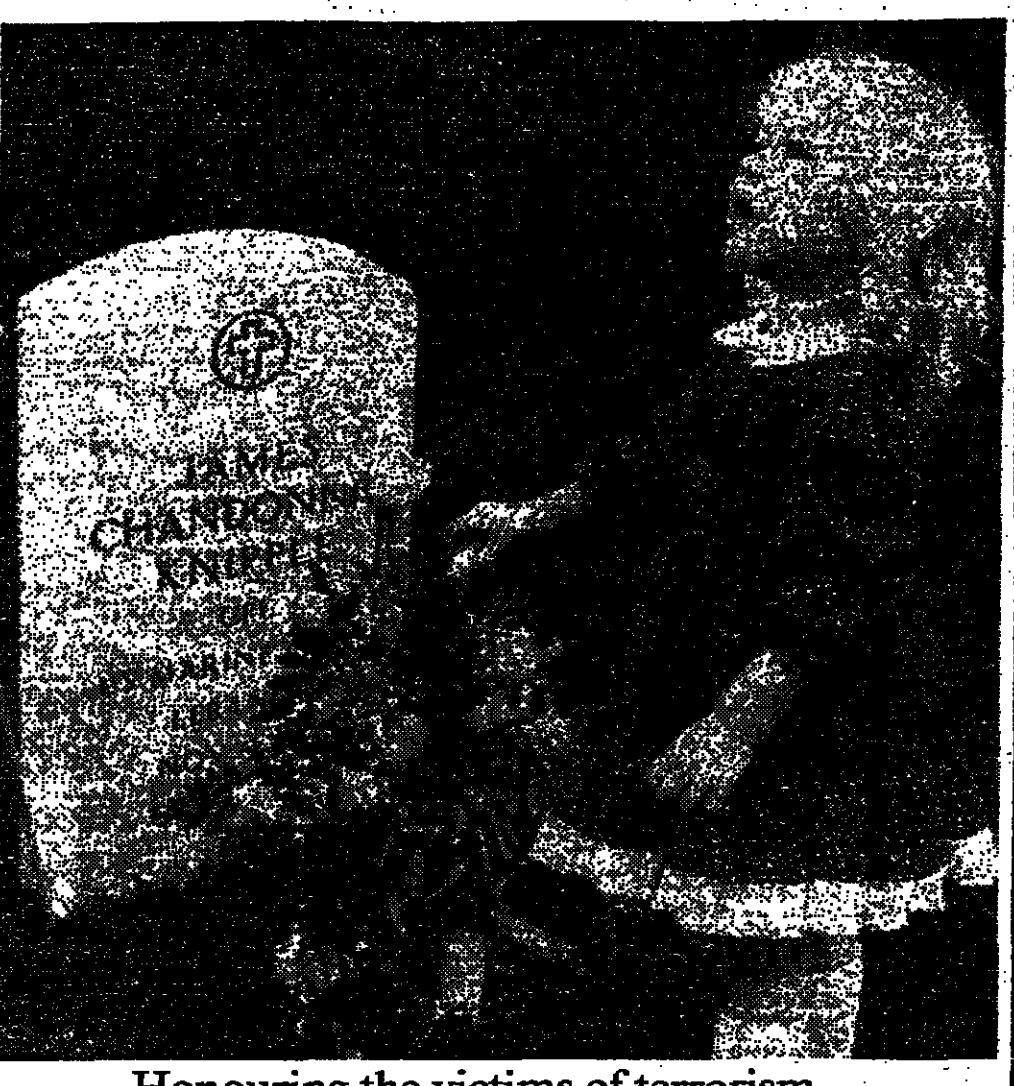
There is no hint that any of those detained is involved in the abduction and many Poles believe that the round-up is simply a way of showing the public that the police are doing something. Photographs of the priest have been printed in the press and a "hotline" has been established. At least one person claims to have seen the priest in Warsaw a day after the kidnap, but the report has not been confirmed.

Mr Jerzy Urban, the government spokesman, has publicly voiced its fears that the kidnappers are trying to compromise the authorities, to wipe out the effects of moves to restore relations with the West, to wreck church-state relations and set back government attempts to introduce limited political reforms.

Mr Urban is in a particularly exposed position, as he recently published an article fiercely attacking Father Popieluszko for his anti-government and thus extremely popular sermons

The kidnap has overshadowed the visit to Warsaw by Mr Andreas Papandreou, the Greek Prime Minister, which ended yesterday. The authoriites had hailed the visit as a big breakthough, shattering the Western diplomaite blockade of Poland imposed after the declaration of martial law in 1981.

● ROME: The Pope appealed yesterday for the immediate release of Father Popieluszko and called the abduction an "infamous" and "inhuman" deed (AP reports).



Honouring the victims of terrorism

Elizabeth Reinger, aged two, who was among several children who placed flowers on graves in Arlington National Cemetery, Virginia, on Tuesday. They were honouring American victims of terrorism worldwide, including Marine Corporal James Knipple, who died in the bombing of US Marine Headquarters in Beirut a year ago.

Israel fears unrest as economy reels

From Christopher Walker
Jerusalem

As talks started last night to try to secure union approval for Israel's toughest austerity package yet, there were reports that police were drawing up plans to tackle possible disorder arising from the rapidly deteriorating economic situation.

With inflation approaching 1,000 per cent, the package is designed to reduce the amount wages are cushioned against inflation by nearly 30 per cent, to trim the budget by a further $500m (£410m) and reduce public sector employment by 10 per cent, putting 14,000 out of work.

Less than 24 hours before the negotiations opened in an atmosphere of crisis, there was pandemonium in food stores as shoppers stripped shelves after hearing news of the latest planned subsidy cut – the second in less than two months – which means a 24 per cent jump in the price of basic food stuffs and petrol

Earlier, Mr Yitzhak Modai, the Finance Minister, asked a parliamentary committee to approve a $24m allocation for food subsidies for October alone. He disclosed that the entire subsidy budget for the fiscal year 1984/5 had been used up already.

Some staple products have risen in price by more than 100 per cent since August and there are fears in official circles that there could be riots if things get worse as more Iraelis are put out of work because of the austerity measures.

FAMILY FORTUNES

Comparative cost of an assortment of goods (including housing costs for an owner-occupier) for an average urban Israeli family of 3.4 people, calculated against the base of the monthly average for 1980, which came to 3,680 shekels.

Sept 1981	8,898 shekels
Sept 1982	20,508 "
Sept 1983	44,673 "
Jan 1984	83,473 "
Aug 1984	211,500 "
Sept 1984	257,000 "

Source: Israeli Department of Statistics

Yesterday the shekel's exchange rate was 555 to the pound.

In the Tel Aviv suburb of Holon, police were called to deal with angry crowds at one supermarket. In Tel Aviv, there was a stampede after radio reports that meat and poultry prices were going to rise by 90 per cent, a move apparently approved, but rescinded by the Government only hours after its anouncement.

"People are willing to kill for frozen chicken," a shop assistant reported from what Israelis are describing as their new "front line". Before the government anouncement that meat and poultry prices would only go up 24 per cent, like other foodstuffs, one man was reported to have purchased subsidized meat worth more than £5,000 at the old prices.

The latest round of subsidy cuts angered leaders of the Histradut, the national labour federation, whose chairman, Mr Yisrael Kessar, accused the Government of "joining the chorus of price-gougers".

Times man stands by world chess attack

By David Cross

Mr Harry Golombek, the Chess Correspondent of *The Times*, yesterday rejected claims by the International Chess Federation (Fide) that he had written "scurrilous and unfounded" statements about the world championship in Moscow.

"Something abnormal is happning", Mr Golombek said. "What my critics fail to explain is why Kasparov is playing in a style totally unprecedented for him in which he embarks on attacks without due preparation – a procedure which he has never before adopted.

"They also fail to explain why he is adopting lines of play and openings which are fimiliar to Karpov and not at all the type of opening he himself has played before".

In in letter to *The Times*, Senor Florencio Campomanes, the president of Fide, said that "any suggestion that either player is being driven by external pressures into consciously substandard play is absured and ridiculous. "The reality is that Karpov, the world champion, is producing chess of a very high standard, and his challenger, Kasparov, though less a successful hitherto, has fought and give of his best."

Senor Campomanes was responding to an article in *The Times* on October 13, in which Mr Golombek suggested that Kasparov, who is now trailing Karpov 4-0 after 16 games, might have been told to throw the match deliberately on the ground that Karpov could not be allowed to lose.

"Perhaps Kasparov has been warned not to play well and has been given to understand that the consequences for him and his family would be disastrous", Mr Golombek suggested.

Mr Golombek pointed out yesterday that the results to date were entirely out of keeping with the normally accurate Elo rating system of classifying the strength of champions. The most recent assessments of Karpov and Kasparov had indicated a match win by the challanger of about six games to four, he added.

His arguments were also rejected by members of Kasparov's delegation. In a letter addressed to Fide, Mr Yuri Mamedov, leader of the Kasparov camp, insisted that Soviet sport did not admit any other methods of gaining victory apart from "open and equal competition. . . . It is the situation which exists in the current chess match and this is recognized by all those present", he added.

Another draw

Seventeenth game
White Karpov, Black Kasparov

1	Kt-KB3	P-Q4	2	P-Q4	Kt-KB3
3	P-QB4	P-K3	4	Kt-QB3	B-K2
5	B-Kt5	P-KR3	6	B-R4	0-0
7	P-K3	P-QKt3	8	B-K2	B-QKt2
9	0-0	QKt-Q2	10	R-QB1	P-QB4
11	B-Kt3	P-QR3	12	PxQP	KtxQP
13	KtxKt	BxKt	14	PxBP	KtxP
15	P-QKt4	Kt-K5	16	B-B7	Q-K1
17	P-QR3	P-QR4	18	B-Q3	PxKtP
19	PxP	BxQKtP	20	BxKt	BxB
21	Q-Q4	BxKt	22	QxB	B-K7

Draw agreed.

Flick cash gifts denied by Barzel

From Michael Binyon
Bonn

In keenly-awaited testimony that could prove decisive for his political career, Herr Rainer Barzel, the speaker of the Bundestag, told a special parliamentary committee yesterday that he had received no money from the Flick concem, and that sums paid him by a Frankfurt law firm between 1973 and 1982 did not correspond to the money paid to the firm by Flick.

Herr Barzel also denied the "infamous" suggestion that Flick money had played any role in his decision to resign as chairman of the Christian Democratic Union , in 1973. Last week, a Green member of Parliament was ejected from the Bundestag for suggesting that Flick had "Bought" the way clear for Herr Helmut Kohl to take over as CDU chairman in 1973.

Revelations that Herr Barzel received a total of some DM 1.7m (about £455,000) from the Frankfurt lawyer, Herr Albert Paul, who had close dealings with Flick, have shaken the Christian Democratic Party, which was paying Herr Barzel a special supplementary salary after his resignation.

Herr Barzel is under strong pressure from his own party to resign immediately to limit the damage the scandal is doing to the CDU in the public's estimation. The repercussions may have a serious effect on the party's standing in local elections in Baden-Württemberg on Sunday.

Herr Barzel has had to give a lengthy account of his income and relations with Flick to the party praesidium already, and leading politicians were markedly cool towards him

Herr Kohl in among those who have spoken of a "slander campaign" but has refused to come to Herr Barzel's defence.

Embryo doubts

Sydney (AP) – Scientists doubted if the two "orphaned" frozen embryos, whose lives were saved on Tuesday by Victoria State's upper house of parliament, would survive thawing. But they promised to make every effort to implant them in one of the 90 women, mostly American, seeking their adoption.

Reunion blaze

Manila (AP) – Eight people were killed in a fire that destroyed an hotel in Baguio where 200 American Second World War veterans had gathered for a reunion. Two of the victims were identified as Americans, the others were too charred for recognition.

Trial stopped

Cairo, (AFP) – Egypt's state security court, accepting a prosecution request, halted the trial of 176 Islamic Fundamentalists, members of the al-Jihad (Holy War) organizations and ordered their release from detention. The trial opened in February.

Tanker inferno

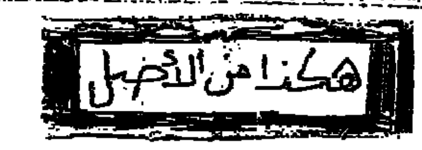
Bombay (Reuter) – Three people died and four were badly burnt when an Indian oil tanker, the 28,812-ton Lajpat Rai, caught fire here. At least seven more people were feared trapped inside.

Flood deaths

Bankok (AFP) – Five people have died in floods affecting Cambodia's provinces of Kompong Cham and Kratie, damaging 96,124 acres of rice and 101,894 acres of other food crops.

Oh Calcutta!

Calcutta, (AP) – After years of delays and financial problems, India's first underground railway sysemt began limited commercial service in Calcutta. A four coach train carried 1,000 passengers on a two-mile maiden run.



Scourge of Salvadorean guerrillas killed in helicopter disaster

From John Carlin, San Salvador

ɔur senior Salvadorean mili-ry officers have been killed in hat is considered to be one of ɪe severest setbacks suffered by ɪe American-backed army nce civil war broke out etween the Government and ·ft-wing rebels.

The helicopter in which the ɔur officers were travelling ·ashed in the mountains of astern Morazan province, a ·uerrilla stronghold throughout ɪe five-year war. An armed ɔrces spokesman blamed ɪechanical failure but the uerrillas claim they shot down ɪe helicopter with machine-un fire.

There were 14 people in the elicopter, one of them a 'atholic priest. All were re-·orted dead.

One of the four officers who ·as killed was Colonel Domingo Monterrosa, top mili-ary commander for eastern El ·alvador, the principal theatre ɪf operations in the civil war.

Colonel Monterrosa who was 2 was considered by virtually very military analyst in El ·alvador as the army's most ffective, most irreplaceable ield commander. He was nown for his aggression and elentlessness in taking the war o the guerillas, especially ɪotable in a Salvadorean army nany of whose officers have ɪeen accused of conducting eisurely 9-to-5 operations.

US military advisors in El Salvador have said that the one officer who came close to Colonel Monterrosa in professionalism was Major Armando Azmitia, but he too was in the helicopter, as were two other very experienced army officers. One of them was Colonel Napoleon Calitto, military commander for Morazan.

Ironically, just hours before his helicopter crashed, Colonel Monterrosa had said he had captured and put out of action the very rebel radio station, Venceremos, which was exultant to announce his death.

Venceremos claimed that a special anti-aircraft unit hit the *helicopter from a hilltop in* Morazan.

The troops loved Colonel Monterrosa. He took enormous risks, always went to the front line and was a fine orator, with a remarkable capacity for boosting the morale of his troops. Privately he was soft-spoken, remarkably mild and affable.

While no one doubted his leadership qualities, several people criticized him for exposing himself to too much danger. Now Government officials are asking why not only he but three other key senior officers were flying together in a helicopter over territory known to be swarming with guerrillas.

Radio Venceremos had good reason to be happy. Guerrilla fighters to whom reporters have spoken in the east of El Salvador this year always talked of Colonel Monterrosa with a certain awe. Military analysts in El Salvador are unanimous that the colonel's loss will prove an extremely damaging blow to the army's war effort.

The rebels's political leader has said he hopes Colonel Monterrosa's death will help to persuade the army of the seriousness of the guerrilla threat, and make them see that if there is no negotiated peace the civil war could go on forever.

In a telephone interview from his Panama home, rebel leader Dr Guillermo Ungo said, however, that the army might now "react emotionally" and intensify the war.

An experienced political analyst in San Salvador, who is close to President Jose Napoleon Duarte, said he thought this was the most "brutal blow" the army has suffered in the war. He expected the army to react badly now, setting back President Duarte's recently begun peace initiative.

In the past week the right-wing death squads have again emerged.

The Secret Anti-Communist army (ESA) murdered a 14-year-old boy and two other unidentified youths last weekend. They carved the initials ESA into the youths' foreheads.



One risk too many: Colonel Monterrosa the most charismatic of El Salvador's fighting soldiers, who died when his helicopter crashed over Guerrilla territory. The troops loved him, the rebels held him in awe, but his daring had been criticized.

Liberals pull out of Nicaraguan poll

From Alan Tomlinson, Managua

The withdrawal from elections of one of Nicaragua's main opposition parties has thrown the country's electoral process into disarray.

The Independent Liberals, the most important of the six parties contesting the November 4 elections against the ruling Sandinista Front, announced on Monday that its national conference had voted 94 to 20 to withdraw from the election.

A three-party coalition of right-wing parties is boycotting the elections for president, vice-president and 90 seats in the Legislative Assembly, the first since the Sandinistas took power in a popular insurrection five years ago.

The centre-left Liberals said they would not participate until the Government expanded its present round of talks with the parties into a broader "national dialogue" embracing all sections of society, including the Roman Catholic Church, the business community and the right-wing coalition, known as the Democratic Coordinating Committee.

Commandante Daniel Ortega, the coordinator of the Sandinista junta, has been quick to assert that there can be no postponement of the election date to accommodate such a dialogue. The Sandinistas are determined to be returned as an elected government before President Reagan can win a second term with a mandate to continue his hostile policies towards Nicaragua.

The motives for the Liberals' withdrawal at such a late stage are not entirely clear. The party leadership had given the impression that it would remain in the race now that the Sandinistas were talking. They had also expressed fears that to withdraw might undermine the elections and lead to a pretext for direct American intervention.

Even after the announcement, presidential candidate Virgilio Godoy signed his name to the first accords to come out of the talks with the Government, including firm guarantees that there would be political freedom after the elections.

The Government had also agreed to continue the dialogue in its present form after the elections and to allow the coalition parties to join the negotiations at any time.

Government has accused the coalition parties of obeying the wishes of the Reagan Administration by refusing to participate in the electoral process, which it has described as the first free and honest election in Nicaragua's history.

Western diplomats are now speculating that two more parties – the Democraic Conservatives and the Popular Social Christians – may now follow the Liberal lead, leaving only the Government and three left-wing parties in a discredited contest. There are also that the Sandinistas may convert the elections into a referendum seeking popular approval for their continuation in power.

Britain rejects Alfonsín aid plea

From Ian Murray
Strasbourg

President Alfonsin of Argentina pleaded with the European Parliament for financial help from the EEC, but Britain immediately made it clear there could be no such thing until he declared an end to hostilities over the Falklands.

The half-hour speech carefully avoided any mention of the islands, although the President pointedly explained that peaceful international coexistence could be settled diplomatically as had been proved in negotiations with Chile over sovereignty of the Beagle Channel.

He also sought to draw a lesson from the way in which the European Parliament had been created among nations which "not so very long ago were tearing the old continent apart". It had been created from a lasting compromise, he said, and there was no reason why that type of compromise should not be taken beyond the confines of Europe.

After advice from Downing Street, about a third of British Conservatives MEPs boycotted the speech, while others went into the chamber to listen with the intention of protesting if the word "Malvinas" was uttered.

No British Conservative attended the lunch offered by the Parliament in honour of the Argentine President, although two Danish members of the Conservative group did attend.

Señor Alfonsin did win support from Conservative members during his speech when he attacked the common agricultural policy and the "terrible effect" it had on the EEC budget. Not only did this weaken Europe, he argued, but the gap was taking away Argentina's agricultural export market.

The speech was essentially a plea and a warning. If the new democracy in his country was to survive, there had to be international help to rebuild the economy.

A Foreign Office statement said that progress with the Community was certain to be hampered because Argentina still had no diplomatic relations with one of the 10 member states and still refused to declare an end to hostilities.

It was "a source of great regret and frustration" to Britain that the Argentine Government had broken off the talks in Berne last July which were meant to establish relationships in mutual beneficial areas. President Alfonsin had since said in New York that he would accept the islands being returned to Argentina. This, the statement said, was obviously incompatible with progress to restoring normal relations.

Britain hoped the President's visit to Europe would "confirm to him that his predecessor's brutal invasion of the Falkland Islands cannot be ignored. The way ahead is for him to declare a definite cessation of hostilities and to work on a realistic basis for more normal relations with Britain, acknowledging that, like the people of Argentina, the Falkland Islanders also have the right to live under a government of their own choosing".

While taking a hard line against what it described as President Alfonsin's inappropriate visit to the Parliament, the Foreign Office is still trying to maintain some sort of Community solidarity

The United Nations General Assembly is due to vote next month on an Argentine motion on the islands, and Britain is trying to head off the danger that Italy, Greece and even France may vote to support it.

Steel urges Argentine contacts

By Henry Stanhope
Diplomatic correspondent

Mr David Steel, the Liberal leader, is calling on the Government to seek an early resumption of talks with Argentina, which broke down amid mutual recriminations almost as soon as they opened in July.

He is "cautiously optimistic" that discussions of the wider issues dividing the two countries would lead to a settlement of the Falklands dispute and would be in the interests of both countries.

Mr Steel, who is criticial of the political groundwork preceding the abortive talks in Berne, will see Sir Geoffrey Howe, the Foreign Secretary, at his own request tomorrow to discuss his recent meeting in Panama with Argentina's Vice-President, Señor Oscar Torres-Avalos.

Mr Steel will also report to Sir Geoffrey on his visit to Nicaragua, where he urged leaders of the Independent Liberal Party to stay in the coming elections, despite difficulties it experienced. It has subsequently pulled out.

He returned from his trip highly critical of American policy in Nicaragua. It is designed to bring stability to the region, but is having exactly the opposite effect, he said.

● MEXICO CITY: Two British politicians have called for a suspension of foreign aid to Guatemala because of the military government's human rights record (Reuter reports).

The appeal by Lord Avebury and Mr Anthony Lloyd, Labour MP for Stretford, came just three weeks after 12 European nations announced an increase in aid to Central America.

The two, members of the British parliamentary human rights group, said after a five-day visit to Guatemala that they would press for a suspension of aid by the European Community and the United States.

Zimbabwe MP appeals

From Jan Raath, Harare

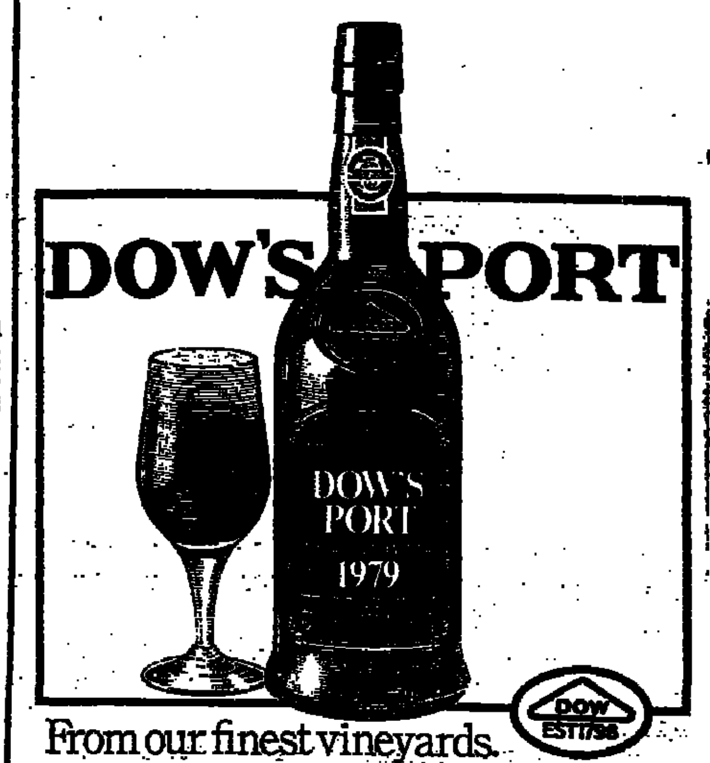
Rev James Bassoppo-Moyo, Aged 62, the Deputy Speaker in the House of Assembly, has been found guilty on two counts of tempted murder.

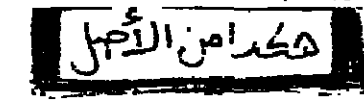
The Harare Regional Court found that on April 29 this year Bassoppo-Moyo, fired with a pistol into a crowd and wounded one man in the jaw.

The incident took place at a shopping centre 160 miles south of the capital. The regional magistrate, Mr Misheck Cheda, accepted that Rev Bassoppo-Mayo was inflamed with jealousy at the success of his neighbour's bottle store.

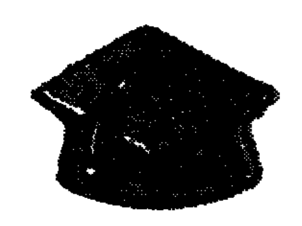
During UDI, Mr Bassoppo-Moyo spent seven years in detention for his role in black nationalist politics. Mr Chada, sentenced him to three years' imprisonment but because of his contribution to the liberation war and his age, he suspended the sentence

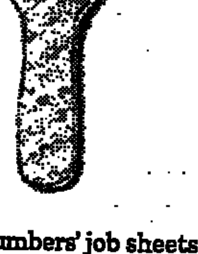
Mr Bassoppo-Moyo was granted bail of sterling £3,000, pending his appeal.



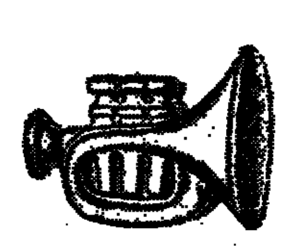


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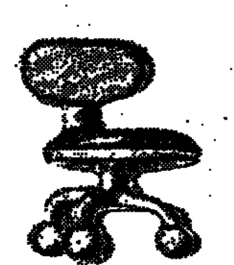


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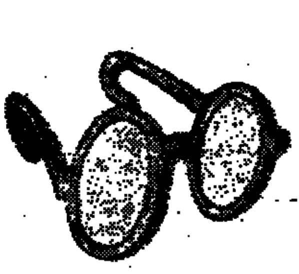

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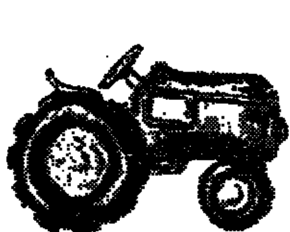

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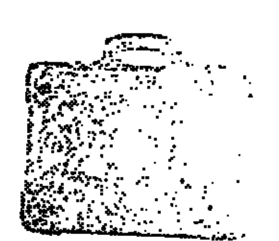

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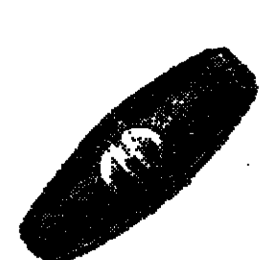

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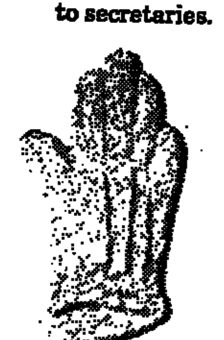

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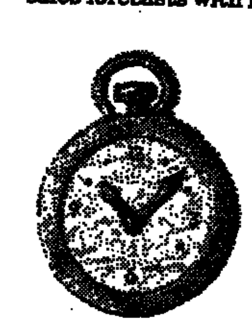

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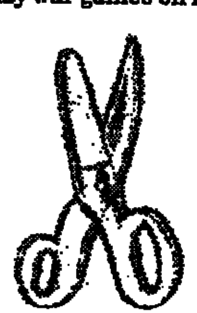

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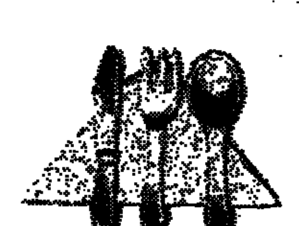

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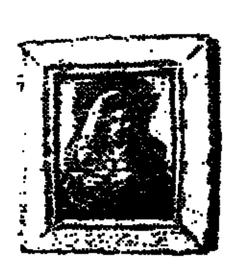

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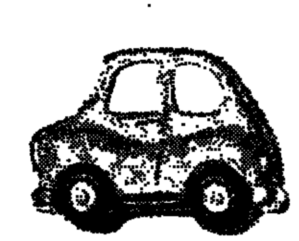

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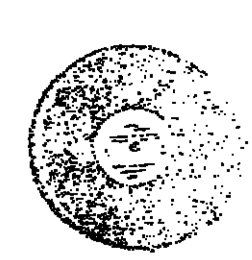

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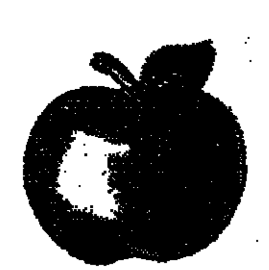

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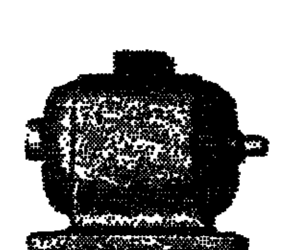

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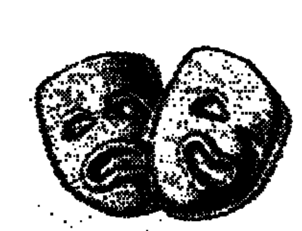

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Gorbachov loses control of agriculture but emerges unscathed

From Richard Owen, Moscow

The long-awaited party plenum, which convened on Tuesday after weeks of rumour and counter-rumour, has made it clear that Mr Mikhail Gorbachov is no longer in charge of agriculture, but has failed to clarify the Kremlin power struggle.

Contrary to assurances by party officials no personnel changes were announced and all eyes are on the regr winter plenum to be held next month or in early December.

The main speeches at the plenum on agriculture which occupied nearly four full pages of *Pravda* yesterday, came from President Chernenko and Mr Nilolai Tikhonov, the Prime Minister. Mr Gorbachov, the Kremlin number two and heir-apparent, did not speak even though he has been responsible for agriculture in the politburo since 1980.

Observers said the party rank and file would not necessarily read this as a demonstration since Mr Gorbachov had aquired widecowers as number two in the party hierarchy and might be glad to relinquish the burden of farm policy, the traditional quagmire of Soviet politics.

No new agriculture secretary was appointed at the plenum, which was called to examine the poor staof Soviet culture. This year's harvest is expected to be only 170 million tonnes, 70 million tonnes below target and one of the worst grain harvests in a dismal decade.

Mr Chernenko announced a big land improvement scheme designed to increase the amount of cultivated soil available by the end of the century. He and Mr Tikhonov spelt out new irrigation and drainage methods, and urged the c of new technology to increase crop yields.

Mr Chernenko described the period since the Brezhnev food programme was adopted in May 1982 as fruitful, but added: "Despite the positive results, the problem of providing many cities with foodstuffs – above all, meat – remains acute". Agricultural production lagged far behind requirements, the Soviet leader said, blaming Mr Valentin Mesyats, the Agriculture Minister, and the Russian climate.

There was no suggestion of reforming the collective farm system, however, and no discussion of the "contract brigade" system of payment by results associated with Mr Gorbachov.

A Kremlin watcher said: "It is hard to believe the Central Committee was convened just to talk about drainage and fertilizers."

The plenum, which appears to be a factor in the struggle to succeed Mr Chernenko, remained shrouded in mystery to the last monent, with even the staff of *Pravda* uncertain when it would take place. If it was forced by Mr Gorbachov's rivals – headed by Mr Grigory Romanov – to embarrass him politically, it appears to have failed.

No blame was laid at Mr Gorbachov's door, although he has in the past criticized plans to increase land rather than use existing land more efficiently and is therefore presumed to dissent from Mr Chernenko's new policy, which for many Russians is reminiscent of the grandiose (and unsuccessful) schemes launched by Khrushchev in the 1950s.

In a front-page *Pravda* photograph last week, Mr Gorbachov was shown in a less prominent position than Mr Romanov. Normally Mr Gorbachov stands next to Mr Chernenko, emphasizing his position as heir-apparent.

Some observers believe the plenum was intended to show that Mr Chernenko – who has been active in foreign policy lately – is firmly in charge of home affairs.

Neither he nor Mr Tikhonov mentioned the controversial plan to reverse two Siberian rivers, the Irtysh and the Ob, to irrigate central Asia, but the press had indicated that the Kremlin has decided to go ahead

Townships quiet but tense

From Michael Hornsby, Johannesburg

Police were still patrolling the streets of the troubled Vaal river townships of Sharpeville, Sebokeng and Boipatong yesterday after Tuesday's huge dragnet operation by a combined force of 7,000 heavily armed troops and police.

By Tuesday night, the Army, never previously deployed so openly and on such a scale to quell internal unrest except under martial law, had been withdrawn, but it was believed to be in the vicinity in case it should be needed again.

The mood in the townships, about 40 miles south of here, was described by residents as tense and sullen, but otherwise quiet. Schools were almost all empty, with more than 90,000 pupils in the region either deliberately boycotting classes or under pressure not to turn up.

Police said 358 people were arrested on Tuesday, 348 in Sebokeng and only 10 in Sharpeville and Boipatong. Most have been charged with minor criminal offences or infringements of the pass laws, which control the movement of Africans outside the tribal reserves.

Few, if any, of those caught in the police net qualify, even in South African terms, as "revolutionaries", whose unearthing was said by Mr Louis le Grange, the Minister of Law and Order, to be one of the main objectives of the operation, codenamed Bullrush.

The searches and interrogations were carried out with as much courtesy as is possible when heavily armed groups of men knock on doors in the pre-dawn hours and turn inhabitants out of bed. "We didn't have to kick down one door," a police officer said with a touch of pride.

● NEW YORK: In a speech intended to rally South Africa's white rulers as well as its black majority, Bishop Desmond Tutu, the winner of this years's Nobel Prize, made an impassioned appeal here for the end of the politics of exclusion in his country and the eradication without violence of apartheid (Zoriana Pysariwsky writes).

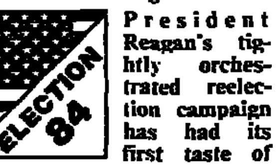
The United Nations Security Council passed a resolution condemning Pretoria's recent crackdown on black unrest.



Presidential stumble: Mr Reagan falls heavily on the steps of his aircraft at Seattle. He was not hurt and quickly picked himself up and waved to the crowd.

Reagan runs into heckling

From Christopher Thomas
Washington



President Reagan's tightly orchestrated reelection campaign has had its first taste of heckling. In all the weeks of rallies and speech making, a net of Republican security men has protected the Reagan campaign from any hint of dissent. When it came, he seemed thrown.

Whenever Mr Reagan speaks indoors, the audience is subjected to a security search similar to the procedures at international airports. It is a time for weeding out protesters.

In Portland, Oregon, two dozen protesters slipped through. The Reagan camp later treated the diversion from the campaign script with dire seriousness. Mr James Lake, Press Secretary for the Reagan campaign, said the heckling was organized by an anti-Reagan coalition and feflected "a certain amount of desperation on the part of partisans of the opposition".

Small signs suddenly appeared in the audience proclaiming: "The Reagan Administration lies about Central America", and: "The finger on the button is senile." They were barely visible in a sea of 4,200 flag-waving Reagan supporters, who had stood for 18 minutes in darkness while they were edified by Mr Reagan's convention film.

The lights came on, a huge American flag rose behind the podium and the president entered. He was briefly into his satndard message of optimism and prosperity when the epithets began to spoil the party. "Liar, liar, pants on fire," was one. "Murderer" was another. "We dont't want your war in Central America," they shouted.

They were instantly swamped by placards reading: "Oreagan." Mr Reagan at first sought to ignore them. "Two more weeks," the protesters yelled. "Four more years," came back the theme chant of the Reagan campaign.

Mr Reagan said: "I may just let Mondale raise his taxes." The hubbub persisted. "You know, I know I'm no concert baritone so I know those can't be an echo in my voice." The audience cheered.

In Seattle, Mr Reagan fell on the steps of the Presidential aircraft, landing heavily. He rose smiling, unhurt.

With less than a fortnight to go, the campaign is getting dirtier and more personalized. Mr Mondale, speaking in Ohio, quoted from a recently unearthed letter written by Mr Reagan to Mr Richard Nixon in 1960 likening John Kennedy's ideas to those of Karl Marx and Adolf Hitler.

It said: "One last thought, shouldn't someone tag Mr Kennedy's bold new imaginative programme with it's *(sic)* proper age? Under the tousled boyish haircut, it is still old Karl Marx – first launched a century ago. There is nothing new in the idea of a government being Big Brother to us all. Hitler called his 'state socialism' and way before him it was 'benevolent monarchy'."

Mr Reagan said on arrival in Columbus, Ohio: "If you read the letter you will find there is nothing wrong with it."

Ethnic voters: The Italians

Pizza parlours to halls of power

From Nicholas Ashford
New York

Italian-American population – 12.2 million.

Main areas of concentration – New York (2.8m), New Jersey (1.3m), Pennsylvania (1.2m), California (1.1m), Massachusetts (750,000).

Prominent Italian-American politicians – Mario Cuomo, Governor of New York; Richard Celeste, Governor of Ohio; Senator Alphonse D'Amato (R, New York); Senator Dennis Deconcini (D, Arizona); Senator Pete Domenici (R, New Mexico).

Pasta, the Mafia, big families and thick accents. For years Italian-Americans have struggled to rid themselves of the ethnic stereotypes which their fellow countrymen have attached to them since hundreds of thousands of poor Italian immigrants started pouring into Ellis Island at the end of the last century.

The fact that America was discovered by an Italian and named after one is often forgotten. Many Americans still think of their Italian compatriots in terms of *The Godfather* or pizza parlours.

The nomination of Ms Geraldine Ferraro as the Democratic Party's vice-presidential candidate has done much to scotch that image. "She has shown that Italian-American women don't just raise families and cook spaghetti", Mrs Paula Carracciola, a constituent from Ms Ferraro's Queens district of New York, and an outspoken admirer of the three-term congresswoman, said.

Ms Ferraro's nomination is, in fact, the culmination of a process of political integration by the nation's 12 million Italian-Americans which has been going on since the end of the Second World War but particularly during the 1960's and 1970s.

There are 33 Italian-American members of Congress (including four senators) and two state governors – Mario Cuomo of New York and Richard Celeste of Ohio. Although they are predominantly Democratic and mainly represent industrial areas, they include a number of prominent Republicans.

For years Italian-Americans were considered voting fodder for the Democratic Party and they helped provide it with its huge built-in majorites in the industrialized states of the north-east.

However, assimilation, increasing affluence and the drift away from city centres to the suburbs have dramatically changed voting patterns in recent years. Little Italy has moved to Long Island, and its residents have taken on consevatrive middle-class American values.

In the 1976 presidential election Mr Jimmy Carter outvoted President Ford among Italian-Americans by 12 percentage points. Four years later, figures were reversed.

Conscious of their voting power, particularly in key states such as New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, California and Illinois which a presidential candidate nees to capture to win the election, both parties have been busily courting the Italian-American vote this year.

The appointment of Ms Ferraro as Mr Walter Mondale's running-mate was dictated as much by her perceived appeal to Italian and other ethnic American groups as it was by her ability to attract women voters.

President Reagan has also been busily wooing Italian-Americans, visiting traditional Italian-American areas, attending Italian-American functions and going out of his way to praise cooperation with the Italian Government on issues such as Lebanon, the deployment of cruise missiles and the freeing of General James Dozier from the Red Brigades.

It was indicative of the importance which both parties attach to Italian-Americans that all four presidential candidates attended the National Italian-American Foundation dinner in Washington last month – an event unprecedented in US election history.

This year Italian-American voters face a dilemma. Do they vote for a President whom many admire and whose emphasis on family, traditional values, hard work and self-sufficiency they approve of? Or do they cast their ballot for a ticket that includes one of their own, a woman whose vice-presidential candidacy has done so much for Italian-American prestige?

"I think some Italian-Americans may vote for her on ethnic grounds, but most will vote for who they thimk will do the best job, regardless of their background", Mr Fred Rotondaro, the foundation's president, said. Although conscious and proud of their Italian identity "we are Americans first and foremost and will vote just as other Americans vote"

Spain need not join Nato's military arm, Gonzalez says

From Richard Wigg, Madrid

Spain has to remain a member of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization but does not need to join its military structures. Señor Felipe Gonzalez, the Prime Minister, said here last night when he revealed the most important foreign policy decision of his Government which now almost two years old.

The Spanish people will be given chance to approve or reject the Socialist Government's line in a referendum, he promised probably in february 1986. This is almost a year later than he once suggested, evidently to provide the chance to "educate" Spaniards, most of whom, according to polls favour leaving Nato completely.

Next year is supposed to be devoted to that process as Spain's integration into the EEC, beginning in 1986, is also supposed simultaneously to be sinking into the national consciousness.

The announcement, after months of governmental ambiguity, will inevitably disappoint other Nato members and leave Spanish military leaders out on a limb. Since their country joined the political side of the alliance more than two years ago, they have come to see its benefits in terms of modernization, coordinated planning and intelligence.

But domestically, as a parliamentary debate centred on the Nato statement showed yesterday, Señor Gonzalez has cleverly put his government in the best available position, considering it is reversing an over hasty 1982 general election pledge to let the Spanish people decide on quitting Nato.

Señor Gonzalez, who had to speak out before the Socialist Party's December national conference, urged all the political forces in parliament to devise a national consunsus to put to the country. All parties to the right of the Socialists favour full Nato membership. Only the tiny Communist Party has rejected his idea outright.

Señor Gonzalez is proceeding with what has become his characteristic style in Government – seeking a consensus

The Prime Minister's offer manifestly outmanoeuvred Señor Manuel Fraga, the Opposition leader, in the debate. While Señor Fraga's party wants full military integration, some of its rank and file members, reflecting Spain's old fashioned nationalism, would still prefer to have nothing to do with Nato.

Gairy's past threatens island future

In the second of two articles on Grenada after the US invasion. Christopher Thomas reports on the parties contesting the election on December 3

In a large, pink house near the Governor-General's mansion above St George's, Sir Eric Gairy holds court. The paintwork is peeling, the guards are dozing in the dripping tropical heat, the iron gate is locked shut. The heavy silence belies the intensity of a comeback battle being waged by the white-suited man within.

When Sir Eric was Prime Minister of Grenada a lot of people were hurt by a group of thugs known as the Mongoose Gang. Sir Eric rejects the conventional belief that they were his bodyguards, his private security force, his paid enforcers. Or, indeed, that they existed at all.

"If you happen to find one person that was really and truly a secret police, a Mongoose



secret police, or any type of secret police, paid by myself or by my Government I'll give you half my properties," he promised.

"I mean, the whole thing was a myth and it was well packaged I would say and it went around the world nicely. I would have believed it myself if I did not know myself as well as I did. I take my hat off to the communists."

Actually, it is not the communists who are trying to blacken Sir Eric's name. It is the Americans. The United States and most neighbouring Caribbean countries positively dread the eccentric Sir Eric regaining power. "It would be mud in our eye," a senior US official said. "We would have to reevaluate our policies."

That would mean ending aid funds, a threat that is being heard from Washington to St George's in an unsubtle attempt to scuttle Sir Eric and his Grenada United Labour Party (Gulp). The threat is probably empty. The US has committed itself too deeply to quit now. But the election of the ultra-right Sir Eric would create uncertainty in Washington and might prevent the development of long-term aid projects.

The fear is that Sir Eric's style of leadership would create a left-wing backlash and another coup. He was in New York to deliver his celebrated speech to the United Nations about UFOs when the leftist Maurice Bishop seized power on March 13, 1979.

Some of the late Mr Bishop's supporters still have guns hidden away, which is why Sir Eric rarely moves from his rented, pink house. The campaign comes to him in long processions, day and night. He is not personally seeking one of the 15 parliamentary seats, doubtless because he wants to see how Gulp fares. If it does well he is expected to arrange a by-election for himself.

It is "the measures" that worry the US. Deny it as they do, there is no doubt that the Americans were influential in bringing about a coalition of political groups in Grenada to fight Sir Eric, whose party is undoubtedly the single most popular party on the island.

Mr Blaize, leader of the coalition, is a popular figure among the middle classes: his performance as Prime Minister of Grenada in the 1960s is remembered both in London and Washington as competent, particularly in economic management. He lives 30 miles away on the sleepy Grenadian island of Carriacou.

Concluded



US choice: Mr Blaize, leader of the coalition against Gulp, speaks to the people.

Little cheer for Zambia after first 20 years

From Alfred Saylla
Lusaka

President Kaunda yesterday marked Zambia's 20 years of independence by laying the foundation stone of the new party headquarters in Independence Avenue, which will be built by the Chinese.

After two decades of self-rule, the country is undergoing one of its worst economic crises which seriously threatens its stability and the leadership. Debts are estimated at more than 4 billion kwacha (£1.7 billion), foreign exchange reserves are almost exhausted and the nation has overdrawn its account with most, if not all, the commercial banks and financial institutions.

Since President Kaunda created a one-party state in 1972, corruption and inefficiency have produced a credibility gap between the party and people. There is a shortage of essentials such as milk, bread, cooking oil, soap and fuel.

Zambia has fared better in the industrial sector than in agriculture, where much has to be done before it can become self-sufficient in food.

Nevertheless, independence has been celebrated in style. Among the foreign heads of state in Lusaka yesterday were President Nyerere of Tanzania, President Machel of Mozambique, President Masire of Botswana, President Dos Santos of Angola, President Moi of Kenya and Mr Robert Mugabe, Zimbabwe's Prime Minister.

Paupers and President on show for Princess

From Michael Hamlyn, Dhaka

Princess Anne, visiting Bangladesh to tour Save the Children Fund projects, came face to face with some of the most unhappy of the poorest people in the country yesterday. They were those men, women and children who were paralysed by having broken backs or necks.

In a country where the best the social services can do is to provide food for work, those paralysed like the inmates of the centre in Dhaka which she visited are usually condemned to a life of pitiful charity from their relatives. Standards of care are so low that many die from simple bedsores, and some – tiny children, especially girls – are just abandoned.

"Don't ask whether they fell from trees," the Director of the rehabilitation centre, Miss Valieri Taylor, said to the Princess, "ask what kind of tree they fell from." Most of the people in the beds of the centre fell while gathering fruit or fodder, although some have been injured by luggage being tossed from the top of a bus, or from carrying an extra heavy load of rice on their heads, which falls and snaps their necks. Two patients there yesterday had been injured by a charging bull.

The happiest of the patients in the centre was eight-year-old Jyoti, struggling to walk using parallel bars. With a pink ribbon in her hair and a yellow frock, she was showing off skills acquired since she has been adopted by Miss Taylor. Jyoti was abandoned by her parents outside the gate of a Cheshire Home in Dhaka soon after her parents discovered she was a spastic.

The Princess also met young men and women beginning to learn some techniques, typing perhaps, or woodwork, weaving or painting, which will enable them to earn some kind of money when they return to their villages.

Earlier in the day the Princess met the military dictator of Bangladesh, President and chief martial administrator Lieutenant General H M Ershad. The General greeted the Princess at the Presidential Palace, Bangabhavan, and later entertained her to dinner.

In the morning she went out into the countryside to lay a wreath on the Martyrs' memorial 12 miles from the centre of the capital. Her convoy of police vehicles and elegant limousines swept past fishermen wading waist deep in the flood waters of the Ganges, while square-rigged sailing boats were slowly punted alongside the elevated roadways.

Magenta and white lotus blossoms gladdened the grey of the river water, and the sharp-sterned silhouettes of the fighting boats made the poverty of the place picturesque.

The Princess laid a red and yellow wreath on the brick monument dominated by a soaring concrete pyramid formed out of seven interleaved isosceles triangular shapes. The memorial is on the site of a series of mass graves discovered after Bangladesh's fight for independence from Pakistan.

Officers named in Aquino inquiry go on leave

From Keith Dalton, Manila

The head of the Philippines armed forces and the Manila police chief yesterday took temporary leave after they were linked by a commission of inquiry to the murder last year of the opposition leader, Benigno Aquino.

They were among 26 people named in the final 475-page report of four commission members who conducted a 10 months inquiry into the killing.

The fifth member of the commission, Mrs Corazon Agrava, the chairman, in a dissenting report on Tuesday, exonerated General Fabian Ver, the armed forces Chief of Staff, of complicity in the plot. Neither did she include Major-General Prospero Olivas, the Metropolitan police chief, as one of the conspirators.

Included in both reports as a co-conspirator was General Luther Custodio, the former head of security at Manila airport where Mr Aquino was shot, according to the commission report, by one of six soldiers who escorted him from an aircraft on his return from exile in the United States.

The escorts are among 22 military men and one civilian accused of the premeditated killing of Mr Aquino.

Instead of a court-martial, President Marcos has ordered that the case should go to a civil court which normally hears corruption charges against Government employees.

Our men in Libya to be replaced

By Henry Stanhope
Diplomatic Correspondent

Mr George Anderson, who has been in charge of the British interests section in Libya since relations between the two countries were broken in April, is to return for leave and a fresh posting soon the Foreign Office said last night.

He is being succeeded by Mr Hugh Dunnachie, aged 39, whose foreign posting was in The Hague. A second appointment to replace Mr Redmond Norton, who returned from the section recently, will be announced soon.

The chief responsibility of the section remains the welfare of a number of Britons in custody in Libya, particularly four men detained without trial. There was no change in their position last night, although they receive visits from relatives and friends.

Slip rule does not save order without jurisdiction

Munks v Munks and Another
Before Lord Justice Parker and Sir Roger Ormond
[Judgment delivered October 24]

An order made without jurisdiction which one party was entitled to have set aside, could not possibly be saved by the "slip rule" [Order 20, rule 1 of the Rules of the Supreme Court] or by the inherent jurisdiction of the court.

Although an order of a court of competent jurisdiction which was good on its face had to be treated as a valid order until it had been set aside, once the court's attention had been brought to the fact that the order was made without jurisdiction there was no alternative but to set it aside.

The Court of Appeal so held, allowing an appeal by the wife, Marjorie Anne Munks, from the judgment of Mr Justice Ewbank on May 2, 1984, who had amended a consent order made by a registrar on February 9, 1973 before the decree nisi which purported to dismiss all the wife's claims for ancillary relief against her husband, Harold Rae Munks.

Mr Christopher Metcalf for the wife, Mr Christopher Butler for the husband.

SIR ROGER ORMROD, giving the reserved judgment of the court, said that the marriage had been dissolved by decree absolute on May 4, 1983, on the husband's petition under section 1(2) (a) of the Matrimonial Causes Act 1973. On September 12, 1983 the wife's solicitors issued a notice of application for ancillary relief under sections 23 and 24 of the 1973 Act.

The husband raised the plea of *res judicata*, on the basis of the consent order made on February 9, 1973, which purported to dismiss all the wife's claims for ancillary relief. The order also provided for the transfer of a car to the wife, the handing over to her of her personal belongings and a bar on any application by her under the Inheritance Act 1975.

In reply, the wife contended that that consent order was "invalid" or "ineffective" for want of jurisdiction, since the registrar had made it before the decree nisi, pronounced on February 17, 1983.

The husband contended that the wife's only remedy was to appeal against the consent order or to challenge it by judicial review.

Mr Justice Ewbank, dealing with the matter as a preliminary issue, decided that the order as it stood was invalid because the power of the court to make orders for financial provision under sections 23 and 24 of the 1973 Act arose "on granting a decree of divorce . . . or at any time thereafter. . ." and not otherwise. However, he decided that the error could be corrected under the "slip rule" by amending the date of the consent order to February 17, 1983, the date of the decree nisi. Given the wife appeared to have given her consent freely and after taking legal advice, it was appropriate to make the amendment under the slip rule.

It was clear, his Lordship said, that the proceedings had got into a series of procedural tangles which had to be unravelled. There was no doubt that the registrar had had no jurisdiction to make the consent order because it was made before the decree nisi. However, it was well established that an order of the court of competent jurisdiction which was good on its face had to be treated as a valid order until it had been set aside: see *Isaacs v Robertson* ([1984] 3 WLR 705). However, the wife's remedy was not by way of appeal or judicial review, as the husband contended. Nor, as the wife had suggested, could the order be ignored. Moreover, an order made without jurisdiction which one party was entitled *ex debito justitiae* [as a matter of right] to have set aside, could not possibly be saved by the "slip rule" or by the inherent jurisdiction.

Once the court's attention was brought to the fact that the order was made without jurisdiction, there was no alternative but to set it aside.

The fact that the order had been acted upon was irrelevant: it was well settled that jurisdiction could not be conferred by consent or estoppel. Moreover, any person who might be affected by such an order was entitled as of right to have it set aside.

From a practical point of view, the best course was therefore to allow the appeal and discharge the order of February 9, 1983, for "irregularity". It appeared to be a case of one technicality cancelling out another.

Solicitors: Gilbert Blades, Lincoln; Roythorne & Co, Spalding.

Special commissioners can adjust corporation tax assessment

Owton Fens Properties Ltd v Redden (Inspector of Taxes)
Before Mr Justice Vinelott
[Judgment delivered October 23]

An assessment to corporation tax which, in computing the total profits of a company misdescribed the source of that company's income, could be adjusted and increased to take into account different kinds of income arising from other sources.

Mr Justice Vinelott so held, in the Chancery Division, in dismissing an appeal by the taxpayer company, Owton Fens Properties Ltd, from the special commissioners' determination that an assessment to corporation tax made on it for its accounting prior to March 1973 and stated to be in respect of "building society interest and dividends", was not an invalid assessment and should be adjusted notwithstanding that the company's only taxable income for the relevant period was of a different kind.

In November 1973 an estimated assessment to corporation tax of £8,000 was raised on the taxpayer company erroneously showing a figure on the prescribed CT4 form against the heading "building society interest and dividends". The figure should have been shown against the heading "Schedule A". Additionally the form did not show any amount in respect of chargeable gains that had accrued to the taxpayer company during the accounting period but which at the time were unknown to the inspector of taxes.

The taxpayer company immediately appealed against the assessment on the ground that the assessment was not in accordance with the accounts or information that was shortly to be sent to the tax inspector and which showed Schedule A income of £4,151 and chargeable gains of £28,406.

The matter there came to rest for some years: the estimated assessment remaining open and undetermined. In May 1983 the appeal came before the commissioners for hearing when the taxpayer company contended that under section 250 of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1970 (ICTA 1970) an assessment to corporation tax on the prescribed form CT4 could validly charge to tax only income or gains which were itemised under the headings on that form and that although section 50(7) of the Taxes Management Act 1970 enabled the commissioners on appeal to increase the amount of income from a specified source, it did not enable them to add income from a new source. Accordingly it was the taxpayer company's case that the assessment was bad and should be discharged. The commissioners declined to do so and increased the amount of the assessment to £31,634.

Section 250(3) of the ICTA 1970 provided that for the purposes of corporation tax income should be computed, and the assessment should be made, under the like Schedule and Cases as applied to those Schedules and Cases, but "... the amounts so computed for the several sources of income, if more than one, together with any amount to be included in respect of chargeable gains, shall be aggregated to arrive at the total profits."

Mr C. W. Koenigsberger for the taxpayer company; Mr Robert Carnwath for the Crown.

MR JUSTICE VINELOTT said that the short answer to the taxpayer company's case was that the provisions of the ICTA 1970 (sections 238, 243, 247 and 250) required that in the case of a company all chargeable income and chargeable gains for a given accounting period be computed *in* one assessment. An appeal against that was an appeal against the amount of corporation tax in an assessment.

Once an appeal was lodged the assessment was at large until determined by the commissioners under section 50(6) of the Taxes Management Act 1970. In the case of a corporation tax assessment it was the amount of total profits for the relevant period that was under appeal.

If the taxpayer company was right a specific source of income had to be determined and no machinery would exist for bringing before the commissioners the whole amount of corporation tax. Nor would there be machinery for determining, for example, group relief.

The commissioners' determination was correct and the appeal was dismissed.

Solicitors: Tilly Bailey & Irvine, Hartlepool; Solicitor of Inland Revenue.

When addition to property not in rent review

Brett v The Brett Essex Golf Club Ltd
Before Judge John Finlay, QC
[Judgment delivered October 19]

A golf clubhouse, erected with the landlord's permission but not under any obligation in the lease, was to be disregarded in determining the amount of rent under the review clause in the lease, Judge John Finlay, QC, sitting as a judge of the Chancery Division, stated.

In a lease for 50 years from July 9, 1973 there was a covenant by the lessee to lay out land, part of the demised premises, as a nine-hole golf course, with liberty to the lessee to erect at its own expense a club house for the use of members and servants of the club.

The lease provided for a review of the yearly rent at stated intervals and was to be the rent which the demised premises might reasonably be expected to fetch in the open market, there being disregarded (if applicable) the matters set out in section 34 *(a) (b)* and *(c)* of the Landlord and Tenant Act 1954.

Between about 1973 and 1977 the golf course was erected and in about 1975 the clubhouse was built.

In a further lease for 50 years from February 14, 1978, which effected a surrender by operation of law of the 1973 lease, it was provided by clause 4 that the open market rental value required to be found as the basis of the reviewed rent should be found, *inter alia*, disregarding, if applicable those matters set out in paragraphs *(a) (b)* and *(c)* of section 34 of the 1954 Act.

The lessor now claimed that the effect of the erection of the clubhouse and the laying out of the golf course had to be taken into account in establishing the open market rental under clause 4 of the 1978 lease.

The lessee contended that any reviewed rent had to disregard the effect on rent of the clubhouse and the laying out of the golf course: that the obligation in the 1973 lease to lay out the golf course had been discharged and the erection of the clubhouse was carried out not pursuant to any obligation to the lessor (the 1973 lease having conferred upon the lessee a mere permission).

His Lordship held that notwithstanding amendments to section 34 of the 1954 Act by the Law of Property Act 1969, the clubhouse did fall to be disregarded in determining the amount of the reviewed rent under clause 4 of the 1978 lease.

Mr Timothy Jennings for the lessor; Mr Alan Steinfeld for the lessee.

HIS LORDSHIP said that the provision for the review of the rent in clause 4 of the 1978 lease was in similar terms to that in the 1973 lease as to the ascertaining of the open market value and the disregarding "(if applicable) of those matters set out in paragraphs *(a) (b)* and *(c)* of the Landlord and Tenant Act 1954".

The question that had arisen was whether that was a reference to the Act as originally enacted or as amended by section 1 of the Law of Property Act 1969.

The relevant paragraph, paragraph *(c)* of the 1954 Act, stated that there was to be disregarded "any effect on rent of any improvement carried out by the tenant or a predecessor in title of his otherwise than in pursuance of an obligation to his immediate landlord".

The improvements giving rise to the issue between the parties, that is, the erection of the clubhouse, and the laying out of the nine-hole golf course, were not carried out by the lessee during the currency of the 1978 lease. The 1954 Act as amended by section 1 of the 1969 Act provided that the rent payable under section 34 (1) was to be such as might be determined to be that at which the holding might reasonably be expected to be let in the open market by a willing lessor, there being disregarded "*(c)* any effect on rent of an improvement to which this paragraph applies", and then the following subsection was added

"(2) Paragraph *(c)* . . . applies to any improvement carried out by a person who at the time it was carried out was the tenant, but only if it was carried out otherwise than in pursuance of an obligation to his immediate landlord . . ." and subsection (2) contained further qualifications, and conditions which had to be satisfied.

The amendment to section 34 of the 1954 Act appeared to have been enacted in the light of the decision in the *Wonderland* case ([1965] AC68), where improvements had been effected by the appellant company in 1926 under a tenancy which had expired prior to the grant of a new lease in 1938.

The House of Lords there held that paragraph *(c)* in section 34(1) of the 1954 Act referred only to improvements carried out by the tenant making the application for the tenancy and effected during the term of the tenancy current when the application was made or by a predecessor in title of his to the same tenancy and that work carried out by the company in 1926 should not be disregarded.

Then came the amending provisions of the 1969 Act.

There appeared to be no direct authority on the question whether, in a reference to a lease granted after 1969, section 34 of the 1954 Act had to be construed as a reference to the Act as originally passed or as amended, but in *Euston Centre Properties Ltd v H. & J. Wilson Ltd* ((1962) 262 EG 1079) Mr Justice Cantley, dealing with a lease granted in 1975 containing a provision that there should be disregarded "any of the matters referred to in section 34 *(a) (b)* and *(c)* of the Act of 1954", assumed (as did counsel) that that was a reference to the 1954 Act as amended in 1969 but nothing had turned on the assumption. In any event, that tenant had not been the tenant at the appropriate time but only a licensee.

Without any authority other than those two cases it had been submitted for the landlord that the references in the leases were to the 1954 Act as originally enacted, while it was said for the lessee that the reference was to the Act as amended in 1969 so that the clubhouse would fall to be disregarded because erected within 21 years of the relevant review of rent: alternatively, the lessee had said, the effect of the words in clause 4 of the 1978 lease was simply to incorporate the words from the 1954 Act and, in doing that, the decision of the House of Lords in the *Wonderland* case was of no assistance in determining the significance of the words, the result being that once again the clubhouse would fall to be disregarded in considering the improvements made by the tenant.

The words in clause 4(1) of the 1978 lease were that the expression "open market value" meant a sum in relation to the review period "determined in manner hereinafter provided as being . . . the annual rental value of the demised premises . . . upon the supposition (if not a fact) that the tenant has complied with the obligations as to repair and decoration herein imposed on the tenant such lease being on the same terms and conditions . . . and disregarding (if applicable) those matters set out in paragraphs *(a) (b)* and *(c)* of section 34 of the Landlord and Tenant Act 1954".

Notwithstanding that Mr Justice Cantley assumed, without deciding, (no doubt because the assumption was made by counsel) that very similar words were to be treated as referring to the 1954 Act as amended, the court had come to the conclusion that, construed according to the ordinary canons of construction, those words referred to the Act as originally enacted.

What then was the true construction of paragraph *(c)* in section 34 of the 1954 Act when incorporated in the 1978 lease? The words of paragraph *(c)*, when incorporated in the lease, did not necessarily have the same significance as they had as part of the statute. In the Act, they occurred in a provision dealing with applications for new leases; and in the context of a current lease the lessee who was making such an application.

When incorporated in the lease, they had to be construed in accordance with the ordinary canons of construction; and in particular having regard to the "matrix of facts": see the enunciation of that principle by Lord Wilberforce in *Prenn v Simmonds* ([1971] 1 WLR 1381). The words "carried out by the tenant" in paragraph *(c)* were apt to cover an improvement carried out by the tenant at any time, including a time when the tenant held the land under an earlier lease.

The improvements were carried out when the 1973 lease had some 48 years to run. The 1978 lease in effect extended the term for a further five years. It incorporated the words of the 1954 Act as originally enacted and the words, as incorporated, had a wider meaning than they had in the Act from which they were taken.

Accordingly, there would be a declaration that on the true construction of the 1978 lease, the erection of the clubhouse and the laying out of the golf course fell to be disregarded in determining the relevant open market rental value in clause 4 of the lease.

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THE ARTS

Theatre

Illuminating return to basics

Tramway Road
Lyric, Hammersmith

As a South African *émigré* who has done very nicely for himself in the old country, Ronald Harwood may not be an ideal commentator on the present realities of apartheid; but he is well placed to turn the tables on the self-righteous British and ask how courageous a showing we would have made as *émigrés* to Daniel Malan's lily-white fortress.

Tramway Road takes its title from a (now demolished) Coloured ghetto in the suburbs of Cape Town, and shows a middle-aged London couple undergoing a crisis of conscience in the year after the Population Registration Act, 1950.

Relating to the country as Harwood remembers it, the piece makes an illuminating return to basics, through the lives of two people who share the unthinking racial prejudices of the period, but who are unprepared for the new realities of apartheid.

The plot turns on the fate of Emil, a Cape Coloured boy, whose future depends on getting a travel grant to a London theatre school. It is well into the first act before we realize that he has any problem other than the vowels which his teacher, Arthur, is trying to bring up to RADA standards. The lesson has its tensions, as Arthur – a seedy old public-schoolmaster – dotes on him as a substitute son; while Arthur's wife – a failed operetta singer – resents the relationship as a *folie à deux* which is distracting Arthur from her own problems.

We then learn that Emil is about to undergo reclassification and once the lesson is over we never see him again. By the second act he has been declared a non-European and his chances of reaching London or even keeping his present job are torn away and, as an ultimate betrayal, Arthur has cravenly severed contact with his beloved protégé.

The quality of the play is extremely uneven. The first act is heavily diagrammatic, contrasting the enthusiastic teacher-pupil passages with the wife's brutal and narcissistic interruptions, so as to drive them into opposite corners: Arthur as a vain (and possibly homosexual) old silly and the *Mikado*-singing memsahib as on the verge of going bonkers.

These sledgehammer tactics leave you utterly unprepared for the delicacy and emotional control of the second act, where Arthur returns to the flat in a daze of guilt, panic and loss to be confronted by a wife who firmly takes the boy's side, even though she never liked him.

Tramway Road is essentially a two-character play. In the presence of Emil or the black houseboy, it becomes crudely polarized. But, when the couple are left to themselves, the dialogue stops making authorial points and unfolds as naturally as breathing: conveying the shared sense of affection and resentment, a long-shared past of small failures, humiliations and exile, and the realization of two essentially kind people that kindness is not enough. "You are despicable", the wife finally declares at the climax of a drunken post-mortem on Arthur's treachery; and then kisses him on the top of the head.

David Jones's production deals tactfully with the play's incompatibilities, particularly in the casting of Richard E. Grant's Emil, a neutral figure who can be equally viewed through the eyes of either partner. The couple themselves receive highly charged and rigorously unsentimentalized performances from Annette Crosbie and Freddie Jones: two confused little Englanders in print dress and crumpled alpaca encountering a worse trial than they ever faced in the Blitz.

Irving Wardle

Donald Cooper



Highly charged but unsentimental: Annette Crosbie, Freddie Jones

Television

A dubious relation to facts

There is a little too much emphasis on historical reconstruction in Bookmark (BBC 2), which is perhaps television's equivalent of the sociological literary criticism that was once so popular in university courses. The item on J. G. Ballard's most recent novel, for example, concentrated too much on its relation to the "facts" and therefore, with the best of intentions, gave the impression that Ballard had engaged in some form of legerdemain rather than written a brilliantly imaginative novel. Nevertheless this is a serious and interesting programme: Bryan Appleyard's film about *Mr Noon*, the novel which D. H. Lawerence abandoned in 1922, even managed against the odds to make that book sound interesting.

In at the Deep End (BBC1) is devoted to the illusion that ordinary people (in last night's case, Paul Heiney) are undertaking odd or extraordinary tasks; what we get, of course, are television "personalities" pretending to be ordinary in order to entertain the public. So it was that Mr Heiney decided to become a film actor, going through what must have been a lightning course at RADA and interviewing as many celebrities as he could find *en route*.

The result is not so much fun as it is clearly supposed to be. The audience may pick up some extraneous and quite useless information – how to mimic anger, and to adopt an Eastern European accent – but the point of the enterprise was otherwise difficult to understand, unless it was the spectacle of nice Mr Heiney trying to make the transition from "personality" to actor; but, in that case, he was travelling in quite the wrong direction, especially since he was supposed to be playing a villain.

The illusion which is being fostered, that Mr Heiney is in the position of the "little man" trying to make it on his own, is so obviously preposterous that the point of the programme is rather lost in a sequence of self-conscious or self-congratulatory scenes. It was just another occasion when the "media" congratulates itself, and it was as a result rather embarrassing.

Peter Ackroyd

Opera in Britain

The Tales of Hoffmann
Guildhall, Portsmouth

This week and next the Cambridge Opera Group take to the road in preparation for their transformation next year into the Touring Opera Group, under the very promising artistic direction of Simon Halsey and Graham Vick. Their intention is to continue giving small-scale works, like the Britten and Davies pieces with which they won renown, but to present also adaptations of full-blown opera for reduced circumstances – the kind of thing the Welsh National tried a couple of years ago with their *Drama of Aida*.

The comparison is perhaps unfair: the COG *Tales of Hoffmann* is less pretentious than that enterprise, and considerably more successful, for which some of the credit should go to Offenbach. An opera never completed needs some work to be done on it, and it is better the work be conscious, impelled by some view of the piece, than that conductor and producer should accept traditional solutions. It also helps when practical considerations, such as the reduction of the orchestra and the elimination of chorus and dancers, can be encouraged to coincide with an interpretation of what the piece is about, or simply with theatrical effectiveness.

This happens. It is a nice point, for instance, that the barcarole should turn out to be emanating from a cassette player that Hoffmann and his fellow revellers are lounging around. On a deeper level, the orchestration of the score for a 16-piece band puts the music back in the pit of an operetta theatre (though Offenbach would have been lucky to be faced with such a talented group of young musicians), and so the way is opened for the opera to be seen as working in the gap between an artist's dream and reality. Mr Vick brings this essence out by adding to the dialogue of the Antonia and Giulietta acts, and by situating the opera in a lumber-room of the mind.

It takes strong dramatic talent and untroubled singing to survive in this coldly exposed, sombre limbo, and at the moment Maria Jugasz as Niklaus is the only one who fully inhabits the world Mr Vick has created for the opera. But there is much attractive singing from John Oakman, who only needs to make his Hoffmann more definite, less peevish. Margaret Perry is sweet as the heroine, and Robert Dean makes each satanic *alter ego* a confident study in villainy. This is not, as the advertising warns, a purist's *Tales of Hoffmann*, but it will suit those who want some insight into Offenbach's great ambition and a lively night in the theatre.

Paul Griffiths

Opera in the United States

Diamond in plastic

The main event of the first month of San Francisco's autumn season has been the decision of the General Director, Terence McEwen, to recreate, in so far as practical, the 1833 London version of Bellini's *La Sonnambula*. On that occasion Bellini's chaste, sleepwalking nightingale was sung by Malibran, who was basically a coloratura mezzo-soprano; the part of Amina was adjusted to fit her range. Bellini, who went to London to hear her, anticipated, and by all accounts to some degree experienced, the worst. "Words fail me to express how my poor music was massacred, torn to shreds, flayed by these Englishmen", he wrote. But Malibran's *mezzo-Amina he adored*.

Mr McEwen, a student and devotee of nineteenth-century *bel canto* divas, once talked about reviving the Malibran *Sonnambula* with his own early mentors, Bidu Sayao and Jennie Tourel. In Frederica von Stade, whose career was in part established in San Francisco, he decided he had found his angel. As McEwen traded ideas with Miss von Stade, with a couple of critics and with the conductor Nicolo Rescigno, a version of this once-popular showpiece was contrived that involved a minimal rewriting of Bellini's first published edition of the score. Two of Amina's numbers were transposed down a tone, another by a minor third.

The result was a diamond of the first water, set, alas, in cheap plastic. Miss von Stade, absent from our opera stage for eight years, returned in triumph, in a role that perfectly suits her fragile delicacy and exquisite vocal control. Her instrument is sweet and pure, with a very rapid vibrato, a gorgeous low register and a meticulous concern for breathing, shadings and style. She dealt with the intricately ornamented repeats (some of them Malibran's own inventions) in an unforced, altogether natural manner, especially in the sentimental last-act "Ah non credea". Singing of this intelligence, craft and quality can sustain even the silliest of operas, in the cheapest of productions.

And this production (from Seattle, directed by Brian Macdonald) did look patchy and thin. False-naive Swiss villagers forever milled about painted-flat sets, breaking into ballet or song for no reason. Samuel Ramey was a handsome and nobly resonant Count Rodolfo. But Dennis O'Neill seemed to have dropped out of another operatic world entirely. He was the caricature Italian *tenore robusto*, shouting, reaching, ringing, throbbing, while his wronged light-of-love sailed off on her flawless coloratura flights. Mr McEwan now wants to resurrect, for a world première performance, Bellini's "Malibran" version of *I Puritani* in San Francisco. Sung with the style and finesse of Miss von Stade's Amina, it should be joyful as well as historic.

The autumn season, otherwise rather sparse, was to have opened with an all-star *Ernani* (Pavarotti, Caballé, Milnes, Plishka). But the endangered health of one of his daughters forced Signor Pavarotti to leave in mid-rehearsal. His next-to-last-minute replacement, Nunzio Todisco, not only sounded sadly second-rate himself; he also appeared to drag down a less-than-thrilling Montserrat Caballé. Paired with Pavarotti, and aided by a more sensitive conductor (Lamberto Gardelli led the orchestra like a run-down park carousel), she might have fared better. The whole production was a dismaying recollection of the cruder pre-war versions of Italian opera we once put up with, salvaged by masterful singing from Sherrill Milnes (Don Carlo) and an altogether compelling creation of Gomez de Silva by Paul Plishka: an island of intelligence in a sea of mediocrity.

David Littlejohn

London debuts

Drawing out depths

The presence of Yehudi Menuhin as soloist with the London Philharmonic in the Barbican concert in memory of David Oistrakh ensured a capacity audience for the London debut of the 35-year-old Chinese conductor Muhai Tang. He has studied in the West for only one year, but already divides his time pretty equally between Shanghai and Berlin, where he is the protége of Herbert von Karajan.

The Bruch Violin Concerto certainly put him through his paces. Menuhin's is now a deeply subjective, heavily emotional reading, and Mr Tang had to concentrate every second on its almost improvisatory ebb and flow, particularly in the Adagio, and still find a poise, a discipline to contain the performance as a whole. For the most part he succeeded.

He has a way, not dissimilar from Simon Rattle's, of drawing out deep, broad-breathing phrases from his body of strings, and of complementing expansion with taut, finely-pointed rhythms and tapering phrases. His main weakness, which showed in the orchestral accompaniment to the Bruch and was confirmed in the Tchaikovsky "Pathétique", lies in pacing.

His is a typically Chinese approach to Western music: warm, close and romantic. When this leads him, as it did in the Tchaikovsky, to an extreme drawing back of tempi, not always ballasted by sufficient inner intensity of ensemble, then some impetus is lost, and the work's organic energy sapped. This was particularly noticeable in the outer movements, where a tendency to rely on the autonomous propulsion of rhapsodic melody was counterbalanced by somewhat erratic bursts of urging. While details of scale still have to settle, then, there is a liveliness of imagination, a keenness of temperament and a healthy panache in his music-making which, in this repertoire at least, enables him to stand confidently on his own.

Hilary Finch

Concert

Arditti Quartet
Wigmore Hall

The appetite of the Arditti Quartet for challenges seems boundless. On Tuesday they smiled at the difficulties of Roberto Gerhard, whose two quartets framed their recital in lucid performances. In between they offered a 20-minute selection of movements from Boulez's *Livre pour quatuor* than which nothing could be more testing (even the Alban Berg Quartet last season were wary of venturing beyond the short first movement). And, as if that were not enough, they played a brand new quartet by James Wood. It was a programme that might have exhausted the audience, if not the players, had it not had such zip.

The new Wood Quartet is an adventurous departure from a composer who has had most success in fields where he is active as a performer: percussion and choral music. But he has managed to keep his bold gift for new sounds. There are passages that sear through slides with all the live energy of Xenakis, whose influence is suggested too by the combination of bristling, complex textures with strong, simple tunes and pounding rhythms that come from ethnic music: Wood has admitted the importance, unusual in a quartet, of dance music from Asia and the Caribbean.

One reflection of that is his use of a pentatonic scale, but a rather individual one; the usual major seconds are contracted to minor ones, and the other intervals opened out to quarter-tone-flattened fourths. One effect of this is to make for a lot of intervals just a quarter-tone up or down from a tritone, which is not a very nice place to be. The sound-world is often therefore sour and thin, while the form is vigorously stamped out in chunks.

The Boulez, though, was good to hear in every way. The Arditti tend to want to get things moving, but they were excellent in exploring the fine-drawn stillnesses of this music, where flashes of detail come and go and yet the picture stays the same. Beauty here is easy to achieve, though not the fierce concentration that makes an almost decadent sustained gracefulness appear hard and of desperate importance.

Paul Griffiths

Dance

Ashton ballets
Covent Garden

The Royal Ballet's commemoration of its founder-choreographer continues, but with his comedy *A Wedding Bouquet* replacing at most performances the divertissements that were given on the opening night.

It is tempting to devote one's space to praising the wit of Ashton's choreography, the marvellous dottiness of Gertrude Stein's words, the charming humour of Lord Berners's music and designs, and the performances of Anthony Dowell as the seedy bridegroom, Lesley Collier and Gail Taphouse as his new and old encumbrances, Monica Mason as the bossy housekeeper, Webster, and above all Jenifer Penney's gloriously tipsy Josephine. Duty insists, however, that after pausing only to mention the new interpretation of the ebullient loner, Guy, by Phillip Broomhead (splendidly danced, but he must start learning to act too), the many newcomers to roles in the other ballets given must take priority.

Mark Silver and Karen Paisey started rather well as Daphnis and Chloe, but their bright and delicate dancing did not build to a strong climax. I think Ashton's decision to show the final scene of the ballet on its own must take part of the blame. The work dates from the early Fifties, his epic period, and in its context this scene is the triumphant end of a long adventure. Stripped of its plot (and Ashton has even amended one section to write out an entry for Daphnis's rival Dorkon), it loses its punch.

Ashton nowadays prefers to be a miniaturist, and is terrified of boring people with anything too long. A pity he cannot, like the rest of us, have confidence in his younger self. *Birthday Offering*, happily, unites his two aspects: the solos are perfect jewels in themselves, but formed into an imaginative parure. Jay Jolley partnered Lesley Collier with due ceremony; Paisey and Ravenna Tucker danced the first two solos dashingly.

John Percival



SPECTRUM

Pillars of wisdom on the move

The Times Profile: The British Library


Thinking ahead: Sir Harry Hookway in the Reading Room; "the choice is between move and rot away"

Earlier this year, on a fine spring morning, readers sitting dozing or deep in study in the famous domed Reading Room of the British Library found themselves brusquely evicted from their handsome blue leather desks.

An industrial dispute had reduced the number of staff to fewer than the 50 people needed to run it: the library decided it had to close. The readers, many of them lifelong *habitués* of the building, stood for a while blinking resentfully on the steps of the British Museum, like night animals thrust into hateful daylight. Eventually, shaking their heads sorrowfully, they shambled off.

The British Library, and in particular the round Reading Room so beloved of Marx, Lenin, Gibbon, Thackeray (who declared it filled his heart with "grateful reverence"), Thomas Hardy and George Bernard Shaw (who loved it so well he donated some of his royalties to the museum) has become more than work for many of those who use it.

The British Library is 11 years old this year. The readers scarcely noticed when an Act of Parliament chose to give its seal of approval, on July 1, 1972, to a proposal to separate the library from the British Museum, and bring all library services – bibliographical, reference, lending, research and

> 'It is a day time home, a refuge from the outside world'

publishing – under one separate and distinct administration, in and around Bloomsbury (with the exception of the lending division, which remains in Yorkshire, and the newspapers, still at Colindale).

They cannot, however, fail to notice that the British Library is making strenuous efforts to move altogether from its present site to a new building among the great Victorian railway stations of the Euston Road. This event once accomplished, (*if*, not once, say sceptics) will oust for ever the regulars from their Round Room desks. Not surprisingly, the move is being greeted with mistrust and distaste.

Nor should they miss the library's announcement this morning that it is to set up a National Preservation Office – the first of its kind – to act as adviser to all British libraries and to stimulate and promote good practices of conservation. In March the Ratcliffe report revealed that libraries all over Britain were facing a crisis: unless something were done quickly many books were liable to disintegrate and decay. By responding the library is signalling its firm intention to pursue modern times.

Just over two and a quarter centuries ago, the British Museum Act of 1753 created the first state library open to the public in Britain and provided a room in which "all studious and curious Persons" could sit.

Readers, of rather little importance in the early days, were moved seven times before finding a permanent home in the domed Reading Room in 1857 under the aegis of possibly the most inspired of the British Museum's librarians, Antonio Panizzi (later knighted).

The collection in Bloomsbury has around 10 million volumes, and fills 215 miles of shelving. As a national copyright library, it automatically receives a copy of everything printed, whether a new book, the sixteenth reprint of a best-selling novel, or the parish magazine.

The library also collects systematically from abroad, to increase collections first developed in the nineteenth century. The result is that the library is growing at the rate of some 500,000 items a year – or at the speed of two miles of shelving.

The library, like some gigantic cultural sponge, has been absorbing and shedding parts of its functions and collections. In 1825, its paintings went to the National Gallery. In 1905 its newspapers and periodicals moved to Colindale.

In much the same period, it built up a unique philatelic collection, now numbering more than six million stamps, as well as becoming Britain's leading library for the natural sciences, technology and industrial property.

The Reading Room and the printed books are the library's best known feature, but other departments are of considerable importance. The lending division, in Boston Spa, is a sort of literary factory, lending and photocopying at the rate of thousands of applications a day; the research and development division conducts advanced research into the future of libraries.

Plans began shortly after the Second World War for an expanded library to house these many new acquisitions, and to absorb the seemingly unstoppable deluge of new material. A first suggestion proposed enlarging both museum and library in all four directions. Then came an idea to build a new library opposite in Great Russell Street and Bloomsbury Square, linked by underground passages to the Reading Room. Local residents put a stop to that.

It was only after a committee of inquiry under Sir Fred Dainton recommended in 1969 the administrative separation of library and museum that the way seemed finally clear for a second, this time geographical move to a new site to incorporate in one place what is now dispersed in 19 buildings.

In 1978, Mrs Shirley Williams, then Secretary of State for Education and Science, approved the building of a new library on a 9½-acre former goods yard next to St Pancras Station. Two years and a new administration later, fresh assurances were sought and given by Norman St John-Stevas, Minister for the Arts under Mrs Thatcher at the time.

In 1982, with a budget of £88m agreed for a first stage of foundations and basements 30 metres deep, work began.

The British Library is generally agreed to be one of the three great libraries of the world, together with the Lenin Library in Leningrad and the Library of Congress in Washington. What is more, say the staff, it is now running remarkably well – at least for the public.

The first decade has seen the introduction of valuable new technology, and a conscious opening-out of a previously somewhat insular institution. The first chief executive, Sir Harry Hookway, who retired recently, deemed it one of his main successes that the library has become "outward looking, nationally and internationally". Readers get better service than ever before.

As long as the research constitutes a "genuine need", and the would-be reader is not a student under 21, for whom libraries are assumed to exist elsewhere, a ticket is not difficult to obtain. About 84 per cent of the books requested are, says Mr Ken Gibson, head of public services, delivered to desks within an hour.

The eccentrics, who wander and mutter along the stacks, are agreeably nurtured. "We try not to stop anyone", says Mr Gibson. "We do have some very elderly readers whose academic work is long over, but we have not yet withdrawn anyone's ticket on geriatric grounds."

The need for space had been obvious for years, and more and more has been "outhoused" in warehouses around London but it took a report produced in 1975 to reveal just how vulnerable the British Library collection had actually become. Dr David Clements, head of a new department of preservation, explains that 850,000 of the books were published before 1800. "We discovered that a quarter of those needed binding repairs and half de-acidification. Since the middle of the nineteenth century books have been published on wood pulp paper, with a life of 10 to 100 years. "So where do you start? This building has no air conditioning, enormous condensation, and there are parts where glass roofing bring the temperature to 100°F."

In workshops behind the museum craftsmen and women bind, repair, stitch and de-acidify at the rate of 3,000 volumes a week and £6m a year. None of it is more than cosmetic.

"Only in a constant temperature and with low humidity can the rate of decay be slowed down", says Dr Clements.

Faced with emotional jibbing at the move to St Pancras, Sir Harry points out, somewhat tartly: "We will all shed a tear – but the choice is between move and rot away."

Some years ago, when the exodus to the goods yard seemed inevitable, a committee was set up by Lord Thomas to "save the Reading Room". Members include Lord Kennet, Kingsley Amis, Sir Isaiah Berlin, Jonathan Miller, Iris Murdoch and Conor Cruise O'Brien.

The move, they argue, is absurdly expensive (some £300m to £600m in all), ill-researched (usage, far more than conditions, harms books) and unnecessary.

British Library staff are understandly reluctant to enter a discussion on the subject, but they do admit to some anxiety about the timing of the plans.

To make the size of the scheme more palatable it has always been assumed that it would be completed bit by bit, phase by phase, with adjustments to plans by successive library boards and governments. Of the seven distinct phases only the first, IAA – foundations, basements and some superstructure – has been agreed, at £88m. It is what happens next, and what confusion may be generated by staffing, that is causing concern.

"In the short term, we need government commitment to complete stage IAB", says Sir Harry. "That will take part of the department of painted books and the science reference library. But in one sense that would be the worst of all worlds, with the department of printed books split and storage everywhere.

"What we really hope for is to complete all phase one – to take in reading rooms, books and staff all in one place."

Such reassurance is not likely to be forthcoming. "In the next 12 months", says a spokesman for the Office of Arts and Libraries, "We'll be making a decision about IAB. IB and IC will have to wait." The cost of completing IA alone is put at between £50m and £60m.

When Sir Harry, a genial former civil servant and scientist who refers to himself as a "renegade scholar", was named first chief executive of the British Library, there was, he says, "consternation".

His successor, Mr Kenneth Cooper, is also a former civil servant, having come last month to the library from the Manpower Services Commission. "But this time", says Sir Harry, "there have been no complaints".

His point is that in just 10 years, opinion has shifted strongly away from the tradition of pure scholar librarian to a more proper understanding of the need for good managers able to combine scholarship with comprehension of the new technology. In keeping with this Mr Cooper has said the library will soon produce a corporate plan.

Certainly, the demands on library staff now go well beyond those of pure scholarship. More than most institutions, the British Library is at an instant of change, as people ponder what they call the questionable "dinosaur" syndrome, with material accumulating without pause. They wonder whether the future may not hold the pattern of some libraries in America which see themselves as "community resource centres" with lists of local car pools and bus schedules.

As for the "studious and curious Persons" who made up the library's first readers, they would be bemused indeed by the microfiche and on-line retrieval systems.

Caroline Moorehead

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Book applications: 588,500
Seats in Bloomsbury: 875
New building: Phase 1 AA: cost allocated: £88m; completion: 1990/91. Phase 1 AB: cost requested: £50-£60m; completion: mid-1990s. Phase 1B & 1C: cost ?; completion: ?

moreover . . . Miles Kington

There are some areas of design and planning which have hardly known a fresh idea in thirty years. Cinema posters. Football match advertisements. National anthems. Whisky bottle labels. Above all, topographical postcards – those terrible things you send home from holiday, taking all the message space to explain to your friends that the place is not nearly as bad as the garish, flat, overcrowded photo on the other side suggests.

The impulse of the postcard maker seems to be the same as that of diary manufacturers – to cram in as much boring, obvious detail as possible and print it as unhelpfully as possible. If postcard designers could get the Tower of London in the same photo as Buckingham Palace, they would.

Fresh back from Greece for the first time, I have wonderful news. The Greeks have made the long-awaited breakthrough. They still have the dreadful old cards, of course, crammed full of Ionic columns against a sky the colour of blue plastic carrier bags, but side by side, on different stands, they have a display of the most wonderful photographs never to get into an art gallery, in stunning colour, positively reeking of the joy felt by the photographer in finding the picture and often signed by the artist himself.

When this started, I do not know. Where is easier: the bulk of the pictures come from Mykonos, an island much frequented by tourists, lotus-eaters and gays of all nations, but also, it seems, by highly original photographers. Their techniques have not yet been applied to the mainland, with the curious result that the best cards in a Peloponnesian town like Nafplion are all of Mykonos, but it can only be a matter of time before the revolutionary photographers unpack their bags on the mainland.

What seems to have happened is this. Someone with a camera said to himself: "A picture of lots of white houses or a row of boats or a line of windmills is boring. But a picture of part of a boat or a bit of a house – let us try that and see what it looks like. Perhaps he even said to himself: "Let us give an idea of the general by photographing the particular – let the detail do the work of the panorama."

Whatever went through his mind, the result was ravishing. My favourite photograph is simply of a series of white-washed steps, with a pot of, I think, basil growing on the bottom one. The shadows playing down the white steps and picking out the roughness of the blinding white wall say as much about the sun and the rocks, the aridity and greenness, as a dozen wide angle views could hope to. The artist, Yiorgos Depollas, also has a close-up picture of a side of a boat – so close up that the sun-blistered strips of paint become an abstract painting, with only the grain of the wood to indicate it is not a painting.

The playfulness is terrific. Among the pictures I bought but could not bear to send are those of the feet of basket-menders, the head of a priest *from behind*, a faded portrait of the King and Queen of Greece on a shabby parlour wall, the prow of a fishing boat like a great painted seagull, two musicians grumpily tuning up, the very top of a church apparently floating over the sea like a round white UFO and a weirdly surrealist scene of a man in a black suit.

It's only a small revolution, of course, no bigger than the moment when calendars first became interesting or record sleeves went arty. But as with all overdue revolutions, the relief is terrific, the smell of fresh air is wonderful. English postcards next, perhaps? There are some good ones around already. The trouble is, they are all sepia photographs taken in the last century.

CONCISE CROSSWORD (No 478)

ACROSS
1 Be present (6)
5 Despairing exhalation (4)
8 Dynamite inventor (5)
9 Unimaginative (7)
11 Spell (8)
13 Diver (4)
15 Clerk's mistake (8,5)
17 Binding strip (4)
18 Bell sound (4,4)
21 Intrude on (7)
22 Excellent (5)
23 Dart (4)
24 Inset material (6)

DOWN
2 Fleshy root (5)
3 Snakelike fish (3)
4 Embassy mail sack (10,3)
5 Chimney deposit (4)
6 Alluring charm (7)
7 Untutored (10)
10 Assemble (10)
12 Labour (4)
14 Chinese premier (4)
16 Disclosure (7)
19 Egg-shaped (5)
20 Search (4)
22 Omnibus (3)

SOLUTION TO No 477
ACROSS: 1 Squib 4 Figment 8 Lying 9 Rampant 10 Clemency 11 Hill 13 State of mind 17 Gobi 18 Astonish 21 Obtrude 22 Tie in 23 Enables 24 Ritzy
DOWN: 1 Solace 2 Unite 3 Baguette 4 Ferociousness 5 Gimp 6 Elation 7 Tattle 12 Impostor 14 Tabitha 15 Ignore 16 Chancy 19 Inept 20 Lull

BOOKS I

How to use life to shed light on meaning

James Fenton reviews the last book of criticism by the Grand Old Man of poetry and Seven Types of Ambiguity

USING BIOGRAPHY
by William Empson
Chatto & Windus, £12.95

The genius of the late Sir William Empsons's prose is very much bound up with his tone of voice. He wrote in much the same way as he spoke, and this means that, although he is often difficult to follow, he always convinces you that what he is saying is worth at least trying to catch. Some things in these essays – the last collection he himself put together before his death this year – are completely obscure to me. But that is not a fatal objection. Indeed, there are times when I suspect that his eccentricity is entertaining at the expense of sense. On such occasions I have a tendency to plump for entertainment. We should not always have our feet too firmly on the ground.

It could be, for instance, that there is no such thing as the improbable Wimsatt Law, which Empson several times attacks. Or perhaps it is overstated in the form given: the Law, says Empson, states that an author's intentions cannot (and should not) be grasped by the reader. Empson by contrast maintains that "a student of literature should be trying all the time to empathize with the author (and of course the assumptions and conventions by which the author found himself bound); to tell him that he cannot even partially succeed is about the most harmful thing you can do."

One of the uses of biography is to shed light on an author's intentions. The essays here collected demonstrate that particular use.

Empson's attitude appears to represent a staunch, if heretical defence of common sense – until you come to see what he means by biography. Then you have, for a while, to pause. For what is here meant by biography is an altogether more brilliant and speculative undertaking than the word normally connotes. The foundation of biography is of course historical evidence, but where this is incomplete, Empson, by dint of the empathy he recommended to students of literature, attempts to furnish the missing details. Here, in his account of the death of Marvell, the technique is used to beautiful effect:

I suggest that he walked out from an evening party at a house in Hull, and used his eminence to walk out through a gate of the city, and walked for what remained of the night, indifferent to the fatal marshes; and returned at dawn to take the first coach back to London. As the coach jolted slowly, and he got more and more feverish, he would reflect on how thoroughly tricky his situation had become, on every side. When at last he got home, irritated all over, and his doctor suggested a whisky medicine, as the "tertiary" returned, warning him that it would cause a long, deep sleep, he accepted that eagerly; nobody expected to die from the familiar ague, tiresome though it was; that was no problem. But from a real sleep he would expect to wake up, as often before, suddenly seeing a way out, knowing what to do..."

Three of these essays are devoted to Marvell. The third of them, which ends with the passage quoted, is much of the time impossible to follow, and it is full of adumbrations of what a person *would have* done or thought. To know whether you agree with his speculations, you really need to have at your disposal all the evidence gathered by Empson: but this is made impossible by the blurring of distinctions between speculations and evidence.



The speculative method is used in a more controlled fashion in the essay on Yeats and the evidence for the Byzantium poems. Once again, the key is empathy, and, once again, Empson's daring is remarkable. He is thinking about the mechanical bird, and wondering why the idea of the poet's becoming such a thing had so much significance for Yeats. And he begins to think, perhaps Yeats himself once owned, or wished to own, a mechanical bird of the kind that was popular in the 1870s. And Empson tells us how his own grandmother had such a toy, and how he had seen it as a child, and how his mother (born in 1865, the same year as Yeats) had also seen it: as a child. The passage continues in a relaxed way, with memories of the mechanical birds which Queen Victoria sent to the Empress Dowager of China, and which (since the communist victory there) have been removed from public display. We are even told the name of the firm, Ellicott, which made them.

Such tours, Empson says, "had come to be felt somehow edifying, or at least poetical in a high-minded way; many people nowadays, while regarding this sentiment as quaint and remote, would yet feel that the doll in *Petrouchka* is telling you some mysterious truth which half comforts you and half makes you cry." This point is well worth arriving at, and it is difficult to see how Empson could have got to it without his empathizing, biographical, and indeed, autobiographical method.

The same approach is used to elucidate the notoriously obscure lines: "For Hades' bobbin, bound in mummy-cloth/May unwind the winding path", which I had always assumed to be nonsense. According to Empson, Yeats is thinking of the technique used by Theseus in the labyrinth, or by Curdie in George MacDonald's *The Princess and the Goblins*: Yeats imagines picking up the mummy and unwinding the single length of cloth in order to mark his way back to daylight. Presumably, then, the furthest point to which he could penetrate Byzantium is the point at which the contents of the wrapping are fully revealed to him.

The Princess and the Goblins was published, Empson says, "when Yeats was seven years old and became part of the equipment of every respectable Victorian nursery. One of my earliest memories is of clutching a candle in my shaking hand and climbing over heaps of coal as I wound up the thread left by my sister; across the vasty and labyrinthine cellars of Yokefleet Hall. If the child Yeats had not played this game, too, it is hard to see why the grotesque conceit rang a bell in him."

Whether or not we quite share Empson's conviction that he and Yeats played the same games and were impressed by the same toys, there is a welcome and corrective vividness about his elucidation of the Byzantium poems, which demands that you remember Yeats's Victorian childhood and the kind of circumstances that formed his imagination. Of equal, perhaps greater value, is his review of *The Waste Land* manuscripts and his thoughts as to its meaning and origin.

Summarizing the theme which Pound must have detected, and which English readers tend to regard as incidental to the poem, Empson suggests as follows: "London has just escaped from the First World War, but it is certain to be destroyed in the second one, because it is in the hands of financiers. The very place of it will be sown with salt, as Carthage was, and forgotten by men; or it will be sunk under water".

To this reading, the suppressed passages of Jew-baiting are "still deeply involved in the final poetry". But Empson is not surprised at Eliot's *The Jew Baiter*. He is "not inclined to pull a long face about this. A writer had better rise above the ideas of his time, but one should not take offence if he doesn't."

Lessing's little experiment, fishnets, bluestockings, and satirical fantasies

FICTION

Nicholas Shakespeare

THE DIARIES OF JANE SOMERS
By Doris Lessing
Michael Joseph, £9.95

PARACHUTES AND KISSES
By Erica Jong
Granada, £8.95

Early last year I was sent for review *The Diary of a Good Neighbour* by Jane Somers. Always keen to discuss a first novel, which, despite the pseudonym, I assumed this to be. I read it to its rather bitter end. On reflection, I decided there were novels more deserving of attention that week. Despite some passages that chimed, I thought Jane Somers's work diffuse, inconsistent, and overbearingly dreary. I haven't changed my mind now the author is revealed to be Doris Lessing.

Lessing's "little experiment" – the value of which her American publisher likened to a pair of old socks – provoked a spirited debate which clouded the most crucial issue of all. Doris Lessing's early novels were thought to be good because they were good – not because they were by Doris Lessing. The novels of Jane Somers – another followed – went unremarked because quite simply they were unremarkable.

A diary is perhaps not the best format in which to explore and discipline the menopausal shapelessness of a character's life. That of Jane Somers – attractive, middle-aged editor of a woman's glossy – is not only narcissistically repetitive, it is also written in prose that is often as incontinent as the people she meets – derelict old women, lunatic nieces, helplessly married men. Unconvincing as a magazine editor, Jane Somers is a soggy creature in need of a shake; someone, I can't help feeling, now I know, who has crawled from the pages of an early Lessing novel that has been dropped in the bath.

One of Lessing's greatest fans – one who mentions her in the same hot breath as Tolstoy – is Erica Jong. This third volume of the life and loves of Isadora Wing examines the problems of someone who has written a seminal work like *Fear of Flying*. Despite a prediction that Erica Jong will do for guacamole what Marianne Faithfull did for Mars Bars, the result is not particularly penetrating or erotic. It does, though, inspire me to react with the emotional excess and candour of its author. One of the more self-indulgent novels to come my way, *Parachutes & Kisses*, left me with the strong suspicion that it was written with a vibrator.

We rejoin Isadora experiencing "every woman's greatest nightmare". She has won success only to lose the one man she has ever loved. Unable to cope with her success, husband Josh has walked out – Josh that man with whom she had such a rare understanding. ("They could go to a dull dinner party, listen to some tortuous speech by the host, merely glance at each other and understand at once what the other thought...") Left holding their baby, Isadora is morose to the point of migraines. Aware of her sexuality – "the cosmic juice of her being" – she plunges into a series of affairs. Sex at 39 is better than ever. Her orgasms, we are reliably informed, "grasp at the emptiness of certain death with unaccustomed ferocity".

And there are orgasms with a disc jockey, a Nobel Laureate and most gratifying of all one Berkeley Sproul. Fourteen years her junior, Sproul has learned his love-making from her books. "He was tender, but there was no question he was a man."

If Isadore can be admired for the uninhibited way in which she refuses to censor herself, she must be pitied for exposing the most horrifying truth of all. She is a crashing bore, which no amount of learned reference – to Rilke, Neruda, even Lessing – can redress. In fact her most irritating quality is this attempt to wear blue stockings over her fishnets. A sentence like "they made the love that Ruskin and his Effie could not make" is both tasteless and meaningless.

Stuart Evans

DE ALFONCE TENNIS
By J. P. Donleavy
Weidenfeld & Nicolson, £8.95

BLUE PASTORAL
By Gilbert Sorrentino
Marion Boyars, £9.95

On the eve of the attack on Pearl Harbour, a luxury yacht, the "Hiyathere", bearing thirteen of the fourteen players of a vigorous and exclusive game, Bangokok, disappeared in strange circumstances. "The Fourteenth", Horatio Josiah De Alfonce Adams IV, much later, engineers his own stylish demise, but bequeaths to J.P., author of this manual, a tennis kit of strange appearance.

It lies forgotten for some time until J.P.'s interest in spirited games is aroused on a transatlantic voyage by a beautiful and athletic English heiress, Laura. While briefly admitted to her charms, he has to endure the jealous presence of a singularly loutish aristocrat, Lord Charles. Reunited with Laura in New York, J.P., is introduced to her luxurious house equipped with a De Alfonce court. They engage in a rapturous game. Soon after Laura is driven into the Grand Canyon in a Rolls by Lord Charles.

The bereft J.P., makes it his duty to record the evolution of the game, the relationship of Laura and "The Fourteenth", his own agony of love; and sets himself up as the arbiter of all that is elegant, correct and admirable in this pursuit of elite, very rich people. The Rules are outlined; necessary accoutrements are listed in detail; there are notes on appropriate conduct for De Alfonce players, an ideal regimen, and matters miscellaneous including response to an obscene telephone call, approach to champagne, and funeral comportment.

The novel is satirical fantasy of the highest order, written with exquisite deadpan wit which frequently erupts into high comedy or riotous farce: a mordant study of elitist tatharara *which is thoroughly enjoyable.*

Blue Pastoral is also a satirical fantasy of ebullient invention, but admirers of the riproaring comedy of Gilbert Sorrentino's *Mulligan Stew* or the beautifully constructed *Aberration of Starlight* might be disappointed by this sprawlingly comprehensive send-up of the pastoral form in all its manifestations. The author hints in the final chapter that he may be accused of self-indulgence and responds with a brisk obscenity which is characteristic of much of the language in the novel and the action. In fact, its lewdness and cruelty are startling.

A not-entirely ingenuous New Yorker, Serge Gavotte (otherwise Blue) sets out with his wife and infant son to trek across America in search of the perfect musical phrase. The quest takes him through Eastern, Mid-Western, Southern, and South-Western states until he reaches California where he takes leave of his wits in San Francisco. On the way he affords Mr Sorrentino the opportunity of ruthlessly ridiculing pastoral convention and in so doing satirizing without mercy almost every aspect and assumption of American life.

The writing has immense energy and versatility. Some of the episodes – a Saint Patrick's Day address by a fanatic Irish-American; Father Donald Debris S.J. on the Christian approach to sex; Big Black's violent lecture; a Southern Idyll – are venomously effective, but the highly mannered mixture of archaic elaboration and unusually foul demotic becomes ultimately very wearing.

Private Foreign Affairs

Woodrow Wyatt

THE PRIVATE OFFICE
By Nicholas Henderson
Weidenfeld & Nicolson, £9.95

If Sir Nicholas Henderson's despatches were written like this book they must have been received with joy. Observation, humour and intelligent analysis are gracefully combined. Writing a book about his times in the Private Office at the Foreign Office was an original and successful idea.

The young gentlemen, and perhaps now the young ladies, who sit in the Private Office, with their agreeable Trollopian approach to affairs, are indispensable. With judgment beyond their years they assess the Foreign Secretary's foibles and the directions in which his mind is moving and interpret them to the rest of the Foreign Office. The Principal Private Secretary, if he has a good rapport with the Foreign Secretary, can be the most important civil servant in the building; sometimes more important than the Foreign Secretary when, like R. A. Butler, he is unwilling to be decisive about anything.

Did he really have to go to a National Day Cocktail party at the Moroccan Embassy? Henderson assured him three times that it was unnecessary before he left the office. When he got home Rab rang for another reassurance that there was no need for him to go.

"The next morning we asked him whether, as a matter of courtesy, he ought not to write to the Moroccan Ambassador to apologize for unavoidable absence the night before. " 'Oh, I went,' he said".

Butler was adept at not committing himself on almost any subject. To the pleasure of the Private Office he was compulsively indiscreet. Henderson's description of his behaviour and character, though affectionate, shows why this clever, cultivated man never became leader of his party.

Henderson's hero was Ernest Bevin to whom he was Assistant Private Secretary. The goodness of that great man, grappling to save Britain and Europe, with no resources but America to call on, shines out. He loved talking and drinking late into the night yanking Henderson out of his bedroom. "Let's have one more drink and a chat before we turn in". " 'Poor humanity' was a favourite aside as he dealt with some problem affecting not just frontiers but people's lives".

Bevin's solicitude for his wife was immense. He would leave important discussions with his officials during an international conference if she sent for him to sit on the suitcases when she couldn't get them shut. I find everything Henderson writes about Bevin authentic and moving down to the last sad goodbye when Bevin's illness compelled him to give up the post he loved and which he had honoured by holding.

However, I think he rates the conscientious Michael Stewart a little high. He made a splendid speech at the Oxford Union defending American policy in Vietnam, but he was too much like a civil servant, always smothered in paper. His main contribution seems to have been the idea that if Britain set an example, ignoring British interests, the rest of the world would follow. It never had when we were strong; and was less likely to do so when we were weak. The civil servants liked him because he never queried what they did.

Eden flits through at the beginning, scattering charm and material for good anecdotes. Henderson liked the Douglas-Homes.

There is more to be learnt about politicians, civil servants and the workings of a ministry in this book than in many much weightier tomes, with the bonus that it is entertaining throughout. I hope Sir Nicholas writes more about his experiences in the same vein.

Life as one long book

Philip Howard

A SECOND SKIN
By Edward Blishen
Hamish Hamilton, £8.95

I know that everybody is said to have at least one book in her or him, but this is becoming ridiculous. I reckon that here is the tenth book that Edward Blishen has mined from his life. Like Ved Mehta, he has discovered an inexhaustible seam of material in every day events and ordinary people. The reason that such writers manage it is their state of non-stop amazement and curiosity and, on the whole, benevolence, about the amazing facts of mortality.

Not a lot happens in this volume. The main events are Blishen's struggle to give up smoking, and a visit to an international congress of humour in South Korea, where the subject of the congress died the death of a thousand definitions. Seldom in the field of human authorship has so much been written so charmingly about so little. It is not merely autobiography. The book is also classy colour writing, and poetic, and philosophy, and a giggle, and theological, in the most gentle and indecisive way, you understand.

The book is quite well subedited, as things go these days. Then suddenly on page 71 there are no fewer than eight glaring literals. A gremlin in the computer? Blishen dashing surreptitiously into the shower for an illicit drag at his ghastly pipe? Who can tell? But no doubt it will make an engaging and quirky chapter in volume 11.

Next best to seeing her dance

John Percival

PAVLOVA IMPRESSIONS
By Margot Fonteyn
Weidenfeld & Nicolson, £15

Everyone who saw Margot Fonteyn presenting her series on television knows how a few words drawn from her own experience can suddenly light up the work of another dancer long dead. Now she has done the same thing in book form with her impressions of Anna Pavlova – "the woman and artist I hold above all others in the history of ballet". They have so much in common, not only in the unusual length of their careers and the immensely wide audiences they reached, but also in the capacity to capture the hearts and minds of people who had never watched dancing before.

Prepared in collaboration with Roberta and John Lazzarini, who run the Pavlova Museum at Ivy House, Hampstead, the text consists mainly of quotations from old press cuttings, collected from around the world. They are interspersed with Fonteyn's illuminating comments; and when Dame Margot remarks that Pavlova "could never be completely aware of the impact she had on people because she could never see herself on the stage", you realize the full poignancy of that. Equally authentic is the remark on ballet shoes, "the bane of every ballerina's life", that precedes an account of Pavlova's dealings with Nicolini, her shoe-maker in Milan.

Pavlova herself is quoted on an enormous variety of topics from the innumerable interviews which, amazingly, never degenerated into a rehearsed formula. On learning a new ballet: "It takes at least six months. The comparison may seem a little gross, but an artist who is preparing a new role is rather like a pregnant woman. I become a much 'nicer' person, and because I am totally absorbed in my work, life seems so much sweeter." On moments between rehearsals: "I chat with the other dancers or wash my stays". On her unmerciful hunger ("During the performance drink water with bread-crumbs, which is most refreshing"), on her experiences on tour, on jazz and fashions.

There are marvellously funny comments from *The Bystander* and *The Tatler* about her quarrel with her partner Mordkin, a beautiful account of her in the wings by one of her dancers, standing quivering in the resin box "the better to grind the stuff into the toe of her slipper", and always crossing herself before going on. Sometimes the two operations were simultaneous, and "you might have imagined, as I did, that Madame was doing a special little divertissement for the pleasure of Jesus".

Sir Frederick Ashton provides a brief description from his memories, and we are indebted to him, too, for an account of how people waited for her to leave the theatre but never "dreamed of daring to ask for her autograph, any more than they would ask royalty."



Pavlova flutters in The Dragonfly by Kreisler

Steering the raft with a short oar

Julian Haviland

MRS THATCHER'S FIRST ADMINISTRATION
By Jock Bruce-Gardyne
Macmillan, £20, paperback £7 95

The key appointments in Mrs Thatcher's major reshuffle in September 1981 were the promotion to the Cabinet of Nigel Lawson and Norman Tebbit. But the elevation of Jock Bruce-Gardyne from the backbenches to the Treasury as Minister of State, and the translation of his closest friend Nicholas Ridley from the Foreign Office to be Financial Secretary, made an almost equal splash.

At Westminster the new Treasury recruits were proof that the Prime Minister felt vulnerable and needed uncritical loyalists around her. In the Treasury itself officials were nervously agog. They knew Lawson, departing only to return soon as Chancellor, for a convinced monetarist; but Ridley, and even more Bruce-Gardyne, were by repute Friedmanite fanatics.

Bruce-Gardyne's book shows him to be neither fanatical nor the Prime Minister's blind devotee. His modest case is that the first Thatcher administration did not do too badly and, by good management and good luck, managed the economy better than its critics would have done.

His claim is not susceptible of proof. As unemployment soars, it will be more and more vigorously disputed from within the Tory ranks as well as outside. But he deserves a hearing as both a lively reporter and an honest witness, given to speaking his mind with a frankness foreign to the smoother sort of politician.

His book should be avoided by those who seek a strengthening of their faith in the powers of governments. The author's 21 months in office made him a sceptic. "The capacity of governments . . . in modern Britain . . . is never more than marginal for good or ill," he concludes.

He has seen from the inside that the levers in Great George Street will sometimes just not budge. The views of a Wall Street pundit can have a decisive short-term impact on British interest and exchange rates. A "bunch of mullahs" in the Gulf can transform the business climate overnight.

Bruce-Gardyne's preoccupation is naturally with the Treasury, which reappears in successive chapters like a storm-tossed raft, Sir Geoffrey Howe for ever struggling with an undersized steering oar.

The author found all this "worrying" and "unfortunate". Whether Sir Geoffrey ever felt like bolting for a monastery or bawled out his advisers in vexation we do not learn. But we are clearly shown who was plotting the raft's course. Twice in 1982 the Prime Minister put her foot down when the Treasury toyed with the notion of joining the European Monetary System. And we see fear spread among Treasury ministers and officials when, with the First Lord absent in the Falklands, the pound suddenly begins to slide.

"The Treasury found itself caught in crossfire. Resisting the market pressures might lead to a dizzying fall in the exchange rate. Allowing base rates to rise again was likely to provoke a Prime Ministerial broadside as soon as her plane touched down." It did.

Bruce-Gardyne has some complaints. He was disappointed that his boss, the Chancellor, failed to tax company cars and other middle-class perks equitably; and he is scandalized by the sacrosanctity of mortgage interest relief. The apostate in him is more interesting than the disciple.

Jolly boating slaughter

CRIME

Marcel Berlins

THE SHORTEST WAY TO HADES
By Sarah Caudwell
Collins, £6.95

Miss Caudwell's first novel, *Thus was Adonis Murdered*, was a curious, very funny, highly original crime story that unaccountably attracted greater acclaim in America and Sweden than it did here. Her second is just as impressive, and deserves the attention of every crime enthusiast who cares about good writing. The storyline is simple enough, about an heiress murdered while watching the boat-race. The detection team is more unusual: a group of young barristers at the Chancery Bar and their friend Hilary Tamar, Professor of Legal History. The unravelling of the mystery is done largely through letters and conversations in a wine-bar near the Inns of Court.

She writes with the wit and elegance of *Times* fourth leaders of old, with a dash of Wodehouse and A. P. Herbert. The style is highly mannered, deliberately so. Even lawyers (especially lawyers?) do not talk in perfect Levinesque, with impeccably arranged sub-clauses and every grammatical nicety adhered to. But to accuse Caudwell of writing unrealistic dialogue is to miss the point. The whole work is an elaborate linguistic jest which happens to be in the format of a most excellently constructed story of crime and detection. It is more demanding than the average whodunit, but delightfully worth the extra effort.

● **The Master Key, by Masako Togawa** *(Century, £8.95)*. Extraordinarily atmospheric Japanese thriller, published in 1962 and only now translated into English (by Simon Grove). A once-lively, now sad and faded hostel for single ladies holds long-buried, near-forgotten criminal secrets. A road-widening scheme affecting the building re-awakens memories and passions. Miss Togawa writes with economy, subtlety and an astonishing feel for time, mood, and the eccentricities of loneliness. An eerie gem.

● **Sion Crossing, by Anthony Price** *(Gollancz, £8.95)*. Price's ability to achieve a faultless mix of obscure historical erudition and commanding knowledge of modern terror and duplicity continues to astound. The history is American Civil War, a brief moment during General Sherman's march through Georgia. The mystery is why a top British intelligence deskman should be investigating it on the spot. Layers accumulate with Price's unmatchable precision and complexity.

● **The Artful Egg, by James McClure** *(Macmillan, £7.50)*. Black and White team of Zondi and Kramer reunited after four years, with no damage to their warm and wise relationship, or their capacity to penetrate and expose the unhappy complexities of South African life in the cause of detection. The death of a white novelist by sword and of a police interrogator's wife by soap provide the backdrop.

● **The Tree of Hands, by Ruth Rendell** *(Hutchinson, £8.50)*. Rendell in pursuit of her obsession with obsession. A claustrophobic three-generations tale of madness and bereavement. A baby's kidnap sets off a chain reaction of emotional trauma, described with the confidence of a writer in full and smypathetic command of her subject. More darkly convincing than her last, but the desire for Chief Inspector Wexford's return has not diminished.

● **Murder in the Collective, by Barbara Wilson** *(The Women's Press, £7.50)*. A paragon whodunnit for the GLC. Murder among gays, lesbians, and political activists as two radical print collectives plan merger. Sexually uncertain feminist plays sleuthperson. Sharply written, traditional plot in unusual well-described American setting.

● **A Shock to the System, by Simon Brett** *(Macmillan, £7.50)*. Brett has succumbed to the crime scribes' occupational hazard of abandoning their popular hero to write an inside-the-mind-of-a-murderer novel (subject: Graham Marshall, unhappy at home, work and play). Superior of its kind, with excellent sense of pace, tension and encroaching panic, and a genuine surprise ending.

● **Lightning, by Ed McBain** *(Hamish Hamilton, £8.95)*. Running proves fatal to a succession of girl athletes, and a rapist repeats his crimes on the same victims. McBain is thankfully back in the 87th precinct with old friends, but the tone is a little darker than usual, the issues more disturbing.

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Striking similarity

Links have been established between striking Notts miners and the IRA's political wing, Sinn Fein. According to Martyn Bower of Cotgrave NUM, writing in the left-wing *Labour Briefing*, 14 Notts miners recently visited Northern Ireland because "we decided that with the tactics the Police were using on our picket lines it would be beneficial for us to witness things at first hand and draw our own conclusions as to any similarities". The delegation was shown round by Sinn Fein supporters, writes Bower, and saw "all the forts that the British Army had built to justify their presence" and "the sophisticated monitoring systems which aid the repression of the Nationalist population in the surrounding areas of West Belfast". The miners also attended "workshops" in a mill just off the Falls Road. Bower does not mention that the mill houses the Sinn Fein advice centre. Nor, unfortunately, does he reveal what they learnt.

Bowing out

Paul Eddington, star of *Yes Minister* and *The Good Life*, will resign this morning from the board of Bristol Old Vic Theatre in protest against the acceptance of £5,000 worth of sponsorship from Imperial Tobacco. Eddington, who has been on the board for ten years, says he no longer feels he can accept money earned by damaging people's health.

Send a rocket

The Labour Party was thrilled when it first saw *Thatcher's Reign: A Bad Case of the Blues* – the collection of sanctimonious, contradictory and downright embarrassing Thatcher quotations which Chatto publish on November 5. So much so that it offered to hold a big Guy Fawkes night launch party at its Walworth Road headquarters with fireworks, a male Mrs T impersonator, and Labour leaders in attendance.

Unfortunately it only occured to someone a week ago to ask the political affiliation of the authors – Melanie MacFadyean and Margaret Renn – lest they turned out to be Tories. It proved even worse. Renn said she belonged to the Socialist Workers' Party, and Labour has abruptly cancelled the festivities.

● **When trying to send an urgent "telemessage" yesterday I dialled 190 to be told British Telecom could not deliver the message until the following day. "If you want to reach him today", said the obliging operator, "why don't you use the Interflora service?"**

Weak defence

Bruce Fraser, who dismally failed to set up a Conservative CND last month when right-writers packed the meeting, should be more selective about his correspondence. At the time I revealed – from a letter he had written to an apparent supporter – that he had conveniently joined the Tory Party three months earlier to give himself credibility. Now he has written to another professed supporter disclosing that he is still burrowing away, and recognizing "the need to be more professional this time". The recipient's name? Huw Shooter – the young Monday Clubber fined £200 in Brighton for helping to destroy CND's mock Trident submarine.

BARRY FANTONI



'Neville thought for years St Michael was the patron saint of underwear'

Abroad view

A batch of blistering "post reports" written by Australian diplomats to guide their successors has just been released under Australia's Freedom of Information Act. Incumbents of the Dublin embassy say: "The generally lax attitude of the Irish towards business and working life and an all-too-common lack of professionalism at most levels of Irish society are more suggestive of a developing-country mentality than that of a Western European country," while Ireland's "poor standard of driving" is attributed to excess alcohol and lack of discipline. Of a posting to Bangkok, the diplomats conclude their diatribe: "Thank God the Embassy has a happy hour at the Bunyip Bar." Chicago is "introverted and parochial"; Rangoon has "five times as many rats as people"; Lagos is "large, dirty, unattractive and unhealthy", and, on Kingston, "almost anyone with skill or wit applies those talents to leave Jamaica forever." Diplomats advise against giving formal dinners to Ghanaians, and stress that "oral subtleties such as irony should be avoided until confident of the level of sophistication of even highly educated Ghanaians." Sadly, I cannot trace any comments from London postings.

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Miners: hit them in the conscience

by Norman Strauss

The clearest lesson of the seven-month coal strike is that the Government is still not adequately equipped to handle a well-trained and organized opponent in psychological and presentational terms. Moving coal stocks is much easier than shifting attitudes and beliefs. To a convinced striking miner there is as yet no alternative but to carry on. The idea of a slow drift back to work was always optimistic unless new information made miners, their families and all those involved see things differently.

Providing that political information is the Government's responsibility, even though the strike is against the NCB. It is precisely because this strike is against the known policy of a democratic government that it ought to be defeated.

The Government's many roles must be clarified and its true purpose made clear. New pressure points must be identified to cause movement of hearts and minds. The obvious list – DHSS payments, suspended mortgage and HP payments, tax rebates and free coal – will merely induce further hatred of authority. A different part of the human spirit must be reached.

The identification of stimuli to achieve this has so far eluded the Government and is probably outside Ian MacGregor's consciousness.

The task is to cause lots of citizens to think again and, by so doing, see things differently. At a minimum, those closest to the striking miners must begin to ask questions and wonder whether they are doing the right thing.

Why do state and business institutions (including the banks, building societies, local traders and HP companies) bend over backwards not to upset the strikers and to minimize their hardships? The pickets are prepared to cause bodily harm and mental stress to those who disagree with them. Why should the state be kind to people who are so cruel and hold its laws in contempt? Is it fair that only the state always turns the other cheek?

Is it just that, by diverting the attentions of government departments to the strike, energies, resources and attention to the problems of long-term unemployment, the welfare state, youth training and adult retraining are reduced?

What makes the modern unemployed miner different from all other unemployed people? Why should miners' children have their jobs guaranteed when nobody else's children do? Why should they be allowed to hijack an unfair share of the nation's resources, thereby putting other people out of jobs? Why should they be able to seek to minimize their own future discomfort at the expense of everybody else?

It is a measure of the NCB's failure that such questions as these would still cut no ice with miners. Why aren't they ashamed of the violent acts carried out in their name? What is needed to get them to revalue their whole beliefs and approach?

A set of new strategic options and a working plan must be created to cause the key figures to think again and to "revalue" their view of the possible, the most humanly desirable, and the most likely outcomes of this conflict. For it is this process alone that can cause them to alter previously fixed positions.

There are no fewer than nine clear groups who have a leadership stake in this issue: the NUM and its officials; the striking miners; the working miners; the NCB and its officials; all other people who work in the coal industry; Parliament; the Government; the opposition parties; and the TUC.

Without new efforts from at least some of these parties, the most likely outcome now looks as if it will be led by events rather than by strategy. Future events (be they power cuts, atrocities, inhuman actions, personal frustration, deaths, accidents, exhaustion, or a flush of public debate and private capitulation) will themselves force a revaluation upon all the groups affected. The worse events become, the more the pressures on those involved will mount until, finally and very painfully, something has to give.

A statesmanlike yet human perspective is vital when the insiders involved in the dispute are all under extreme psychological pressure and have developed seemingly unshakable and fiercely loyal views of the justness of their own positions. In the hope that this mature approach can still occur, there follows an agenda for ministers who might like to think again now that the unthinkable must be thought.

● Recognize that this strike now involves national optimism and credibility, it is no longer self-contained and just about coal. An interlocking range of issues and policies encompassing the fields of economics, energy policy, industrial competitiveness, new technology, capital investment and unemployment trends and forecasts underlies both the Government's reason for demanding an efficient coal industry and the miners' reasons for striking. In this context, it is a *privilege* to be allocated more resources per head than workers in other industries, not a right.

● Identify and address sympathetically the critical psychological variables at work among the miners: these include individual uncertainties, hopes and fears, and the need for self-respect as a worker, citizen, parent, community member and individual.

● Decide on the ideas, experiences and beliefs that are cementing current patterns of anti-social behaviour, explain why this has happened and work out something better that could replace them over time.

● Show goodwill by admitting to past errors and mistakes and apologising accordingly. Remember that you want them to climb down too.

● Realize the massive number of elements that need to be originated and communicated and set the government machine to work on a full-time inter-departmental task force basis. Use outside academic and media advisers both as a check on the work and to help draw up a plan for communicating the new understanding and reasons for hope. Check that good citizens can see all this to be fair and convincing. If they can't, why should the striking miners?

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The Freemason Dean of St Albans explains his apparently conflicting beliefs to Pat Krett

Christ his witness, the Great Architect his guide

Joining the Freemasons has always posed special problems for churchmen because of Masons' refusal to acknowledge Christ's divinity and concern about the nature of the God(s) to which they give allegiance. The publication earlier this year of Stephen Knight's *The Brotherhood* merely refuelled the centuries-old anxieties.

Senior clergy who are Freemasons have shown a marked reluctance to come out into the open and defend their position. But now the Dean of St Albans, the Very Rev Peter Moore, a high-ranking Mason, has spoken about the misunderstandings which he feels that the movement's secrecy has helped to generate.

Dr Moore, who is 60, has been Dean of St Albans for 11 years and a Mason since 1950. On the issue of the Masons' two ceremonies of commitment at which the existence of a deity is acknowledged, but – confusingly – different names are used, Dr Moore revealed that leading Masons themselves are divided. It is this ceremony, discussed in Knight's book in a chapter entitled "The Devil in disguise?", which causes many of the misgivings because it is difficult, as he discovered, to get a coherent and consistent definition of who exactly this deity is, and represents.

According to Knight this god is called JAH–BUL–ON. And he claims that it is a "specific supernatural being", made up of three separate personalities, two of them pagan. The Dean, while denying the suggestion that there is any worship of the occult in Freemasonry, said that he withdrew from rites where this word was invoked.

"I do that because I think that particular word is nonsense. And I am not alone. This matter has been raised at the highest levels within Freemasonry. But nothing has happened about it. It is contentious without unpleasantness."

On first being accepted into the ranks of Masonry, all recruits have to pledge their belief, in a solemn ceremony, to a god called "The Great Architect of the Universe." This is the first sticking point in acceptance of Masonry for many Christians. But Dr Moore feels that the unfamiliar words, secrecy about rituals and traditional unwillingness by Masons to discuss the movement with outsiders have resulted in serious misunderstandings.

He said: "Masonry is not a religion and specifically says it isn't. I think, on the other hand, for some people who would otherwise have nothing, it gives them something. And it is one of the bases of Freemasonry that you accept the existence of the Great Architect of the Universe. This is God, though not in the Christian sense. The God that we worship is the same God that Jews and Muslims worship. It is God. There can be only one God."



Dr Moore: 'There can be only one God'

While sympathizing with those Christians who feel that they could not belong to a body that excluded recognition of Christ's divinity, he said that it was not an issue of conscience for him: "Some people feel that their allegiance to Christ is compromised by associating with people who accept God but not Christ. I don't feel like that. I am glad to be associated with people who accept God as Creator."

And he stressed that he saw no conflict between his Christian belief and commitments and his Masonry membership: "I have no doubt at all what my top priority is – which is my job as Dean – which is my life."

Dr Moore has risen to high rank both in the Church and Freemasonry. He at one time held office as Grand Chaplain of Grand Lodge, the London-based top tier of Masonry. But he emphasized that being a Mason had in no way helped his Church career.

He joined when a chaplain at New College, Oxford, attracted by the movement's mystique and because a number of his friends were members: "The element of secrecy in it interests one. You want to know why."

A few years ago he started an annual service in St Albans for Freemasons, with agreement of the Chapter. This year's, held last Sunday, attracted a congregation of about 300 Masons and their wives.

Did a Masonic service have any special features, I asked Dr Moore. He said no Masonic insignia would be worn, nor any changes made to the cathedral decor, though he admitted that in the past some bizarre things had been allowed elsewhere which had generated concern:

"In the bad old days extraordinary things were done. For instance there are tales of the cross being removed from churches because the Masons had a service. But I have nothing to do with that sort of thing. Anyone who comes to worship in the cathedral *does what we do.*"

I attended the service, and the only part which jarred was the description in the closing prayers given by the Rev Dr Robert MacQueen, a former GP and now rector of Royston, Hertfordshire, to heaven as "The Great Grand Lodge above".

Dr Moore and Dr MacQueen later reassured me that there was no Freemasonry in Heaven. It was a Masonic synonym.

The origins of the special vocabulary and sometimes bloodcurdling oaths of the Craft is in part an accident of history, said Dr Moore: "Masonry got going at the beginning of the eighteenth century in England – a period of allegory. If we started today we shouldn't start with a lot of the things that exist."

Various unpleasant and even fatal penalties are accepted in a solemn ceremony as the punishment for anyone who betrays the Brotherhood's clandestine codes. The tongue and heart to be torn out and the bowels burned to ashes.

But this was not intended to be taken literally, said Dr Moore. "These are the traditional penalties. I have never heard of them being used. If I really thought that was going to happen I would pack up tomorrow."

Dr Moore pointed out that Masonry raised large sums for charities, and no longer exclusively their own. The often heard complaint that they "feathered their own nests" had been heeded and there had been radical changes.

The St Albans Abbey restoration appeal for £1.7m has benefited by a £5,000 donation from Grand Lodge.

He also made it clear that one of the valued aspects of Masonry for him, and many others, is the comradeship it offers. He explained: "I can go to any part of the country, any town anywhere, and will be welcomed in the lodge without reservation. It enables me to meet a cross section of the community whom I should otherwise never meet."

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Hunt v Helms: America's other key contest

Raleigh, North Carolina

The people of North Carolina like to refer to themselves as "Tarheels", a term coined by a Confederate general to praise the tenacity of North Carolina soldiers in battle.

In many ways Senator Jesse Helms, the state's senior Republican senator and congressional standard-bearer for the New Right, embodies Tarheel characteristics. Like those Confedarate troops, he always stands his ground – even when defeat seems certain.

A year ago it looked as though he was doomed to lose the Senate seat he has held for the past 12 years. At that time he was trailing his Democratic rival, Governor James Hunt, in the polls and had suffered a severe rebuff during the 1982 congressional elections when five right-wing Republicans he had endorsed were all defeated.

Now he has pulled level and it is a toss-up which of them will win the election. Not once during the past 16 months did he bend under the pressure of Hunt's once-commanding lead.

The epic struggle between Helms and Hunt has been described as the second most important contest of the 1984 election. Certainly it is one of the most expensive. By the time voting takes place on November 6 the two contestants will have spent more than $20m between them, making it the most costly Senate race in American history.

Two thirds of that amount will have been spent by Helms who has been heavily financed by right-wing millionaires like Nelson Bunker Hunt and conservative Christian groups.

It is also one of the dirtiest contests. Helms, who does most of his campaigning through TV commercials, is not known for his subtlety. He accuses Hunt of "bringing in the coalition of blacks and liberals and homosexuals and labour unions". His campaign literature shows Hunt alongside the Rev Jesse Jackson, the former black presidential aspirant whose name evokes hate and fear among many Southern whites.

Hunt (left): solid record. Helms: apostle of the New Right

A victory for Helms, aged 62, would firmly establish the conservative base within the Republican party. The growing influence of the New Right was revealed in the manifesto which the party adopted at its Dallas convention; the re-election of Helms would greatly boost the neo-conservatives drive for the adoption of the more contentious policies – on abortion and school prayer, for example.

If Hunt succeeds in defeating Helms he will be seen as a giant killer, the man who defeated the ayatollah of the New Right and made the South safe for moderate Democrats.

The Helms-Hunt race is a contest between representatives of two historical, distinctly Southern forces.

Helms's politics are of the siege-mentality South, a South which still uses the Civil War and Reconstruction as the benchmarks by which to measure present-day events. He is anti-communist and anti-big government. His enemies range from Castro to Kennedy, from pinkos to the press.

His Senate record has been largely a negative one. He carried out an unsuccessful filibuster last year against a national holiday honouring Martin Luther King, whom he denounced as a communist. For his backers – poor whites, conservative businessmen, tobacco farmers and Christian fundamentalist groups such as the Moral Majority – Helms can do no wrong.

Governor Hunt, who is 47, is a member of a new generation of pragmatic Democrats who have been springing up in positions of authority across the South. Others include governors Charles Robb of Virginia, Richard Riley of South Carolina, Robert Graham of Florida and Senator Sam Nunn of Georgia.

As Hunt explained during one of his televised debates with Helms, they believe in three things: balanced budgets; economic growth coupled with full employment, and racial justice.

Most North Carolinans, including many Helms supporters, agree that Hunt's record as a two-term governor has been a good one. New industry, much of it high-tech, has poured into the state, creating thousands of new jobs.

On social issues he has managed to be progressive without being seen to be too liberal.

Hunt needs the black vote if he is to win, and is counting on the 100,000 newly-registered black voters to support him on November 6. Helms's supporters have been carrying out a registration drive of their own, mainly among Christian fundamentalists, and claim to have signed up more new voters than the Democrats.

During the eight years he has been in office, Hunt has set up an effective grassroots organization in all of North Carolina's 100 counties. It is said that no one can be born, get married or die in North Carolina without getting a letter from the governor's office. On election day he will have a much stronger organization working for him than Helms, who will have to rely mainly on the strength of his personality and on his heavily-bankrolled TV campaign to persuade his followers to go out and vote.

Nicholas Ashford

Correction

The words "imported oil" in Woodrow Wyatt's article on Saturday should have read "imported coal".

Ronald Butt

Equal under the law – well almost

In one more battle for the kind of liberalism which uses the strong arm of the state to enforce its ideas, Lord Scarman last week persuaded the House of Lords to amend the Police and Criminal Evidence Bill to make racially discriminatory behaviour by a police officer a specific disciplinary offence. The essence of Lord Scarman's argument and that of supporting peers was a simple one. It was not that the change would make any difference to the behaviour of the police. His essential case which, as he said, was built on his experience of Brixton and Toxteth, was that "there is no single step that could be taken which would be more effective in building up confidence among black people in the attitudes of the police than that there should be included in the police disciplinary code this specific offence".

In other words, a special provision of potentially widespread significance throughout Britain is to be written into a law as a kind of public relations exercise to satisfy one and only one racial group rather than as a genuine measure to deal with a legal loophole. That is an abuse of law-making.

The Government differed from Lord Scarman. Lord Elton, the Home Office Minister of State, observed that the effect of the amendment would be to say, through the statute book, that "all members of ethnic minorities, for no matter how many generations they had been settled in this country, were inescapably different from the rest of the community; they must be inescapably different because conduct towards them and them alone is to be singled out for specific mention in the law".

That, Lord Elton added, would hardly convince the police that all men were equal under the law; nor would it encourage them to establish close relationships with the groups in question. Since the police code already covers improper or uncivil treatment of any citizen, black or white, it would do the ethnic minorities no good to be separated in this way from the generality of citizens. It must indeed be wrong for the same action to be dealt with under a different part of the police code according to whether the other person involved is black or white.

Yet perhaps the worst aspect of this amendment is that it could force police officers, quite unfairly, to defend themselves from an unprovable but hard to disprove accusation relating to motive as distinct from behaviour. In certain cases in which a police officer was accused of behaving improperly or uncivilly to a citizen, it might be alleged that, because they were each of different races, he had a motive of racial discrimination which differentiated this case from other cases of similar behaviour where the racial motive could not be alleged because policeman and citizen were of the same "race."

This could matter if the incident had occurred in difficult policing circumstances of a kind which might be held to be in some degree extenuating. If the policeman could not prove that he was uninfluenced by racial discrimination where it was alleged, the extenuating circumstances would be harder to take into account. Where there could be no question of racial discrimination, the extenuating circumstances might apply. What kind of equality is this?

Indeed, what sort of justice is it? All the legislation in the world cannot establish the impulses and motives in the hearts of men that may condition, or partly condition, their actions, and of which they themselves are not perhaps fully conscious. If a Welshman on the spur of the moment is more inclined to give the benefit of the doubt to another Welshman, is that justiciable? And even the Equal Opportunities Commission has not yet found a way of getting at an employer who, when it comes to choosing a secretary from between two or more or less equal candidates, instinctively chooses the pretty one whose smile he likes.

Why should not this special legislation in respect of racial minorities be extended to other minorities? Why should not the police code include a special protection for homosexuals and lesbians or even for women, that more than half of the human race who now often seem to qualify for some kind of minority status in the progressives' vocabulary? Why should it not include a provision that it is a disciplinary offence for the police to be prejudiced against youth of whatever race?

After all, there are circumstances in which the police will look with a much more jaundiced eye at youth collectively than at people of mature years collectively. They will often, quite rightly, be more suspicious of the former if only on the empirical grounds that someone is more likely to get bashed up in a crowd of the callow than in an assembly of the grizzled. Some actions taken in such circumstances might be represented, or misrepresented, as the product of discrimination.

But even Lord Scarman would presumably have thought it silly to amend the bill to make discriminatory "behaviour" – whatever precisely "behaviour" means – against youth a specific disciplinary offence.

If there is provably unfair or uncivil treatment of any individual, white, black, young or old, then the police officer is rightly guilty of an offence under the code. That offence would, of course, include racial abuse or unfair treatment of a black person compared with a white person (or vice versa) in the same situation. But it would be wrong to weaken the law (the essence of which is that it should be clear and precise) by incorporating in it general declamatory statements of good intent requiring an assessment of police *motive* as distinct from police *action*. For in some districts and in some circumstances it is almost inevitable that police officers would be vulnerable to the charge of having acted out of racial discrimination, when they were simply keeping the peace.

Lord Scarman justifies his amendment chiefly on the grounds that it would give confidence to the black community. Since he is thus exercised more by public relations than by strictly legal requirements, he should think about the impact on white communities and on police morale. The Government should use its elected majority in the Commons to overturn this amendment which is due to be considered today. But it may fear to do so.

Paul Jennings

A Midsummer Nightmare

It is no more possible to *prove* that *A Midsummer Night's Dream* is the greatest play in the world than that Mozart is the greatest composer. What matters is that you can always have fun casting any possible group, whether of your friends or of public figures, for this most universal and profound work.

Let us take British politics. There can be no doubt who plays Hippolyta, Queen of the Amazons, whose forthcoming nuptials to Theseus (played by Michael Heseltine) are the occasion for the rude mechanicals' play. This of course is part of the general proceedings organized by Philostrate, Master of the Revels, for some reason always played by a tremendously *serious*-looking bloke with a beard and silver-topped ceremonial staff, a good part for Gerald Kaufman (understudied by Clement Freud).

Clearly the part of Peter Quince, nominal organizer of the mechanicals' play, goes to John Gummer; and Bottom, who wants to play every part and write new prologues and generally take charge, should find a natural in Mr Wedgwood-Benn. This would somehow be particularly apt if it were one of those productions where the same actor plays Theseus-Oberon and the same actress Hippolyta-Titania, in the scenes where Titania is magicked into loving the metamorphosed Bottom (understudy, Eric Heffer).

Also in keeping with modern conceptions of fairies as tough, gruff, no-nonsense figures with nothing of gossamer about them, would be the casting of Dennis Healey as Oberon, perfectly served by the dapper and nimble puck of Neil Kinnock, rubbing that herb into the wrong people's eyes yet guilelessly convinced that in the end

Jack shall have Jill;
Nought shall go ill;
The man shall have his mare again;
And all shall be well.

Most people who haven't seen the play for some time are probably vaguely aware that it starts with a man with white hair complaining to Theseus, but can't remember what his name is – ah, yes, Egeus, that's it – complaining that his daughter Hermia won't marry Demetrius and insists on going off with Lysander. Well, who can remember exactly what it was that Michael Foot was complaining about at last year's TUC (or was it Labour Party) conference? So that's his part settled.

Lysander (David Steel) and Demetrius (David Owen) are both ensorcelled into following Helena (whose one desire is to be the partner of Demetrius anyway, but now she thinks it's a trick), to the dismay of Lysander's real, destined partner Hermia (Shirley Williams.). The only trouble (as so often in this game) is the casting of Helena. Mrs Thatcher, again, would do it marvellously, especially in the quarrel bit where Hermia complains of being looked down on:

Now I perceive that she hath made compare
Between our statures: she hath urged her height;
And with her personage, her tall personage,
Her Height, forsooth, she hath prevailed with him.

But she already has one (or two) parts, likewise Michael Heseltine, who would do it well in drag. Peter Shore in drag, perhaps?

Flute the bellows minder ("You must take Thisby on you"), Roy Jenkins. Snug the joiner ("You may do it extempore, for it is nothing but roaring"), who but Dennis Skinner? And have you noticed that Robin Starveling the tailor, who is told he is to play Thisby's mother, never actually appears in the performance? Francis Pym and Roy Hattersley on alternate nights...

Oh it's a lovely game. And that's only one group. On the world stage: Philostrate, Giscard d'Estaing; Oberon, Mitterrand; Hippolyta, Mrs Gandhi; Bottom, Mugabe; Puck, Trudeau; Egeus, Chernenko; Snug, Reagan; Helena, (this time) Mrs Thatcher; Hermia, Geraldine Ferraro, obviously to Mondale's Demetrius – all for your delight they *are* here. Although of course the best in this kind are but shadows.



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UNITY NOT UNION

The relations between France and Britain are in general good, said President Mitterrand in his interview with *The Times* yesterday. That is certainly true in the sense that the relationship between Mrs Thatcher's Conservative and President Mitterrand's Socialist government is more cordial and understanding than that between the two countries at any other time during the period of the Fifth Republic (perhaps, even, since the war) with the possible and somewhat delusive exception of the short interlude of the Pompidou-Heath accord.

On the essentials of western democracy and on the need to defend it unambiguously, the two countries and the two governments are as one. Moreover, the President and the Prime Minister plainly have a great deal of personal regard for each other, despite their apparently opposing positions in the political spectrum. Mrs Thatcher admires the President's patriotic commitment to the defence of his country and of the West; he admires her disposition to make her objectives clear and stick to them. The relationship between the two has certainly been easier since the economic management of the Mitterrand government has switched from its initial essay in fundamentalist socialism towards a version of liberal economics bearing a close resemblance to Thatcherite ideals of financial discipline.

Having remarked on the generally good relationship between the two countries, however, President Mitterrand went on in his interview to add the rather curious qualification that they do not have "the same conceptions of Europe." Since he also observed that though "France has chosen to strengthen the union", he "did not know exactly what Britain would choose", the inference the President intended to be drawn was clear. He is arguing that Britain has a less union-minded view of the European Community than France, and yesterday in his address to both Houses of Parliament, he returned to the broad theme of union which he has used in several earlier speeches this year.

The member states he said, should now "pragmatically confirm" the Community's "international existence". They should "improve its decision-making capability, increase the responsibilities of its institutions, to open new fields of co-operation . . ." Yet the suggestion that Britain is less interested than France in a united European Community which can make its own presence felt internationally is not warranted by the facts.

The British have, it is true, fought hard for what they regard as a fair level of financial contributions to the EEC in the light of this country's relative wealth in the Community. In this respect, it has guarded its own interest in precisely the same way as France has in the past whenever it has seemed threatened by Community imperatives. But much more fundamentally, the British government has also striven hard, and with apparent success, for a system that will take care permanently of future unfairness in the level of every other member state's contributions. It has been part of the British case that the time is not far ahead when this will be to the advantage of France as well as of Britain.

These arguments over the internal arrangements of the Community have sometimes been bitter but they have had to be forced through to a settlement in the long-term interests of the Community. The fact that Britain has been in the vanguard of the argument does not mean that this country is not, compared with France, a "good European". For not until these internal problems of Community economic management were on the way to successful solutions could the way be cleared for making Europe the "political reality . . . on the international scene" that President Mitterrand wants it to be.

The essential question, of course, is what is to be understood by this "political reality." Mrs Thatcher herself on more than one occasion, and without ambiguity, has advocated a more concerted Community and one acting in unison in international issues. President Mitterrand, however, appears to be going further. Earlier this year he gave his general blessing to the so-called draft Treaty of Union which was passed by the European Parliament and referred to the Council of Ministers. This document would impose a much more supranational character on the Community, including change from the system of unanimous voting in the Council of Ministers (which preserves the national veto on vital questions affecting the interests of a sovereign state) to majority voting. It also proposed that some categories of questions should be designated for the final decision of the Community instead of resting with national governments.

These ideas go well beyond anything feasible for the foreseeable future. The unity of the Community cannot be achieved by trying to enforce it through institutions. What is more, the whole history of France in the Community, not to mention its current attitudes, does nothing to support the kind of "union" now apparently being promoted by French rhetoric. The Community is, as de Gaulle taught it to be, a "union des Patries" and that is both the kind of union that Britain can support and the kind that can take firm root. The present French stress on union with federalist implications contradicts French behaviour; is it really possible to envisage a French president ceding sovereignty on any question to the Community except where it is clear that French and Community interests will remain identical?

This theme of union simply confuses the issue. President Mitterrand's speech yesterday illustrated this. After his grand but imprecise references to institutional change, the one concrete example he chose to make his point was the need for technological cooperation under government auspices. But this needs no institutional change. It is possible now. The danger with slogans about union is that they will impede unity, which is what the European Community should be about.

COSTLY REPAIRS

The management of the National Coal Board made a bad mistake when it tried to put more pressure on the pit deputies to cross picket lines when the deputies were already having to tread a tense and difficult path in the mining communities with which they are so closely bound. Yesterday's last-minute decision by Nacods, the deputies union, to call off their strike was the result of some skilful repair work by the Board. It was aided by some heavy-handed behaviour by the notables of the TUC, who tried to use the deputies' threatened strike as a lever to pursue the NUM's aims. That pressure was counterproductive. The deputies resented it. And the TUC may now reflect that if it cannot pressurize Nacods, it is unlikely to carry much sway with Mr Arthur Scargill.

The NCB's repair work was, however, expensive, as tends to happen when one has to call in the emergency plumber. The deal adds one further concession to those made to the National Union of Mineworkers at Acas at the deputies' behest. The Board's management of pits not scheduled for closure, will now also be subject to independent outside review, where the unions fear that a pit is being set up for closure, for instance by lack of investment. There will be yet longer consultation on the basis of a five-year rolling programme.

More important, however, is that the concessions made to the NUM at the previous Acas talks have now been set in concrete by the NCB's understanding with the deputies. Although there is room for some disagreement over the precise meaning of these concessions, they would certainly lead to the five pits subject to closure being reprieved, at least until they have been put back through the even longer review procedure, and would lead to the plan to close 4 million tonnes of capacity being withdrawn for review.

These concessions were not even appropriate in March, when the NCB under Mr Ian MacGregor launched its programme to catch up on the previous backlog of closures of hopelessly uneconomic pits. They certainly make no sense now, when these threatened pits will require more money to rehabilitate them and the NCB will be calling on government for extra funds to invest in putting other more or less economic pits back into good order.

In this sense, the Nacods mistake has left the NCB in the position that it has conceded overgenerous final terms, which could only be justified by bringing a swift end to the strike, without gaining any settlement with the NUM on a return to work. What were the final terms, have, in effect become a starting point for today's renewed talks with the NUM leaders.

They could also be a source of unnecessary future acrimony. If the new terms offered are mere words as the NUM charges, and leave the ever more necessary and painful closure plans intact, then they could, at the very least, lead to charges of bad faith. If, on the other hand, they mark a real departure, then Mr MacGregor would have surrendered his own plan and left himself in no better position than his predecessor, Sir Norman Siddall, managed with far less strife and at far less public cost. It would do no-one any good to pretend that the uneconomic pits have been reprieved and all is as before March.

The NCB may feel that it is unlikely to face this future dilemma since Mr Scargill has made it plain that the terms offered to the deputies cut no ice with him. From the NUM's response yesterday, it looks as though today's talks will again return to the ideological dispute about whether any pit can be closed on economic grounds, a point on which, as Mr Scargill knows, the NCB cannot possibly make concessions. If that is the case, it would be better to accept deadlock rather than continue a series of talks which has ceased to have any purpose, except for the malign one of kidding miners that they can delay the decision to go back to work in case a settlement turns up.

Services rendered

rom Mr J. C. Maxwell

ir, During the last three months the ritish public have seen the saving of York Minster from fire and the escue of many victims from the recent Grand Hotel, Brighton, bomb ttack and several serious rail rashes.

All these tasks have been acomplished by members of the ritish fire services who are our veryday heroes with taken-foranted courage.

The leadership levels displayed by e officers commanding the fire ervice crews, together with the ills and determination shown by e fire fighters, can be credited to e training of all officer ranks, enior and junior, conducted by the aff of the Fire Service College at oreton in Marsh, Gloucestershire.

In recognition of the way the fire ervice crews respond to manmade o natural disasters it would seem to' e, writing as a former fire officer, that some form of national recognition should be afforded to the fire service that spearheads the rescue ork.

Might it now be the appropriate ime for the Home Secretary to ecommend to her Majesty that the Fire Service College becomes the Royal Fire Service College?

Yours faithfully,
J. C. MAXWELL,
319 Dogsthorpe Road,
Peterborough, Cambridgeshire.

Built on a rock

From Emeritus Professor G. N. Walton

Sir, Professor E. L. Mascall (page 10, October 13) asks the question "Is the Christian religion derived from a revelation given by God in Christ . . . or is it something to be constructed by us . . .?".

The practising scientist learns throughout his life to fit his theories to the results of his experiments, and never, on any account, no matter what the pressures, to twist the results to fit some preconceived theory. Liberal and progressive theologians, judging in particular from recent programmes on the media, tend to do precisely what the scientist is forbidden to do: they tend to twist the meaning of the Christianity that we have been given to meet their own preconceived notions.

Academic theologians may plead that this accusation reverses the situation. For them, Christianity is the theory which must be made to fit the facts of the modern world. It may be conceded that from the scientific background of the 19th century, when the atoms of the chemical elements were thought to be indestructible and eternal, and when biology presented a simplistic picture, there were some grounds for doubting the truth of Christianity.

Now, when we have been shown only too clearly that matter is a form of energy, like light and sound, which has no permanence except in the equations of mathematics, and when the molecular biologists have glimpsed the extraordinary coding of living things which dwarfs even our own literature, modern science provides no grounds whatsoever for questioning revealed religion.

In any case, Christianity is not a theory; it is a practical way of life, and a valid reason for worship. It has a structure given through the centuries which has served the world, and in particular this country, well and those who undermine it undermine western civilisation. Fortunately Christianity is founded on a rock that is not easily displaced.

Yours,
GILBERT WALTON,
Mullenders,
Swan Lane,
Burford, Oxfordshire.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Due recognition for engineers

From the President of The Fellowship of Engineering

Sir, Arthur Palmer has done much to encourage parliamentary interest in engineering and to emphasize the vital contribution which engineers make to national prosperity: so it was disappointing to read his confused letter published on October 20.

The fact is that the Finniston report did a splendid job in diagnosing the obstacles which have prevented engineers making an optimum contribution to productive industry, but the proposals in the report were not so good.

They did not gain the support of the great majority of the engineering profession, for the simple reason that they would have involved the regulation of the profession by a government-appointed authority, and it is of course absurd to suggest, as Arthur Palmer does, that the influence and pay of engineers would in some way be enhanced by Parliament giving statutory recognition to engineers.

There are many more effective ways than that of enabling engineers to serve the nation: first, to provide better education and training facilities for engineers, at all levels and in greater numbers, and secondly to promote a clearer understanding of the engineering dimension.

The first is being energetically pursued by the Engineering Council which needs the active support of industry, trade unions, engineering institutions of all kinds, and the academic world, as well as of Government, which must make the investment needed to initiate the changes already proposed by the council. It is a mammoth task because technology is advancing so quickly.

But even more difficult to achieve is the clearer understanding of the engineering dimension, of the impact of technology on every aspect of our lives. Because it requires a widespread change of attitude there is no room for divisive tactics amongst those who accept the need for change.

So I hope that Arthur Palmer will use his considerable influence, not to revive agitation for the red herring of statutory registration but to impress on Parliament, government and Civil Service the need to support organizations like the Fellowship of Engineering and the Engineering Council, who in complementary ways are striving to create the change in attitudes which is so vital to our future.

Yours faithfully,
CALDECOTE, President,
The Fellowship of Engineering,
2 Little Smith Street, SW1.
October 23.

Checks and balances on police powers

From the Chairman of the Police Committee of the Association of County Councils

Sir, Saturday's leading article (October 20) on the important subject of police accountability, thrown into relief by the miners' strike, analyses the present system of split responsibility and comes with apparent logic to the conclusion that the present system should not continue. But does logic always provide the right answer?

It is certainly true that at present the boundaries between the rights and responsibilities of the chief constable, the Home Secretary and the police authority are blurred and sometimes all may not be as it appears. Given the present tension between a handful of police authorities and their chief constables, tension which may, at least in part, be due to conflict of personalities rather than in policies, it is natural to want to strain to make the crooked ways straight.

But when basic values – such as police mobility and efficiency in the war against crime on the one hand and the liberty of the subject in the face of police power on the other – seem opposed, the best system is one which embraces both and holds them in balance.

Interestingly, you suggest that our libertarian tradition points towards local accountability. Many of us would be disposed heartily to support that notion, but of course the preservation of liberty is harmed if local influence is pushed too far and the police come under local party political control.

I would certainly argue that the present balance – as your editorial implies – is tipped so far towards centralism that the local role can easily become notional. I hope that proper local accountability can be strengthened and better defined.

But liberty is best protected when the other powerful interests check and counter-check each other.

There are occasions when modern society might benefit from less, not more, integration and when greater effectiveness carries more hidden perils than the diffusion of power and a deliberate choice to avoid one supreme authority.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN F. CHATFIELD, Chairman,
Police Committee,
Association of County Councils,
Eaton House,
66A Eaton Square, SW1.
October 23.

From the Chairman of the Kent Police Authority

Sir, The Chairman of the South Yorkshire Police Committee was misleading himself and everybody else if he made the remarks attributed to him (report, October 18) that the police training centres produce "Nazi stormtroopers" from the decent chaps sent to them. Remarks of this sort have characterised the extreme left throughout the miners' strike and they are simply not true.

The training centre course forms the first 14 weeks of a recruit's two-year training programme. It has recently been extended from 10 weeks and redrawn following the Scarman report.

The training staff are carefully chosen and carefully trained to meet the needs of the course. Their objectives are to give to the recruits the basic knowledge and skills to assist them to police their own communities. More time than ever before is taken to prepare the recruits for dealing with the whole community in a caring and conciliatory manner, as well as upholding the law on our behalf with firmness and tact.

The tutors, men and women, are amongst the most dedicated in the police service and that they have been so attacked is contemptible. They should know they have the support of the British public and the confidence of their training centre committees.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN A. SPENCE, Chairman,
Kent Police Authority,
County Hall,
Maidstone,
Kent.
October 22.

'Good life' but not enough brass

From Mr P. A. Sergeant

Sir, Your column headed "Living is cheapest in Yorkshire" by Robin Young (October 17) must be grossly misleading when Mr Young says that this "suggests that the good life is most easily found in Yorkshire".

On the contrary, the cheapness of living in Yorkshire (and Humberside) stems almost wholly from the fact that people in these areas do not have the money for "the good life". Those supplying the necessities mentioned in the lists of the cost of living have to bring down their prices because there is not the money available for people to purchase the goods mentioned in those lists at the prices ruling in the South-East. If it were true at all that "the good life" is most easily found in Yorkshire, then it is also true to say that it is not found by the people who live there.

Not long ago I calculated from certain data that the average income of a person living in Essex was £1,000 a year more than the average income of a person living in this part of the country. Probably my calculation was based on insufficient data but at least that indicates where "the good life" is to be obtained.

Perhaps the people of Bradford, Barnsley and Rotherham can comfort themselves with the thought that at least they have splendid countryside in the neighbourhood. For Scunthorpe, in addition we have one of the pleasantest industrial towns in the country.

Yours faithfully,
P. A. SERGEANT,
25 Oswald Road,
Scunthorpe,
Lincolnshire.
October 18.

Gallery extension

From Lord Esher

Sir, Mr Conrad Jameson ends his letter (October 13) with the routine condemnation of all modern architecture.

For much of his life my father (b 1881), like most of his generation, had a horror of Victorian architecture and particularly of the ubiquitous works of Sir Gilbert Scott. He used to pull the leg of his friend, Hal Goodhart-Rendel, for affecting (as he thought) to admire monsters like Butterfield, Brooks and Teulon. He became, in old age, the first chairman of the Victorian Society.

Time has the last laugh, particularly on those, like your correspondent, who speak with contempt of whole classes of human beings and whole periods of artistic history.

Yours faithfully,
ESHER,
Agios Nikolaos,
Crete.
October 15.

Tridentine Mass

From the Chairman of the Latin Mass Society

Sir, I feel I can relieve a little of the "perplexity" referred to by your Rome correspondent in reporting the rehabilitation of the Latin Mass (October 17), as I now have before me the official Latin text of the document as published in *L'Osservatore Romano* of October 17.

It should firstly be pointed out that the Second Vatican Council did not "reject" the old Latin Mass – on the contrary. Article 4 of the Constitution on the Liturgy states that "Holy Mother Church holds all lawfully acknowledged rites to be of equal authority and dignity. . . . She wishes to preserve and foster them in every way".

Accordingly, the "mental acrobatics", referred to by Mr Nichols, "of asking for something which the council rejected whilst professing to believe in the council's work" are not required.

Moreover, it is simply not true that "requests for the old Mass must be accompanied by an explicit statement of acceptance of the Vatican Council and the new Mass".

This condition – norm [a] of the new Indult – actually requires that it shall be clearly and publicly understood – *"Sine ambiguitate etiam publice constet. . ."* – that the groups utilising this facility are not associated with those who call into doubt the legitimacy or doctrinal rectitude of the Pauline Missal. This is really not the same as requiring an "explicit statement".

What *is* now clear is that it is the Holy Father's wish that those wanting the old Mass should be accommodated *("ipse Summus Pontifex, coetibus istis obsecundare desiderans. . .")*. Accordingly, the restrictions associated with the Pauline Indult for England and Wales – its use only on special occasions, insistence on the mutilated 1965/67 version – are not found.

Now, it is the virtually intact 1962 Missal which is to be available, and bishops may permit its use *"per modum consuetudinis"* – that is, customarily.

What now remains to be seen is with what degree of magnanimity the world's Catholic bishops will exercise this faculty; but in England and Wales, at least, we have cause to be hopeful that our bishops will adhere to the Holy Father's now manifest desire that there should be a place in the Church for those who remain devoted to its traditional liturgy.

I am, Sir, your obedient servant,
MICHAEL McMAHON, Chairman,
The Latin Mass Society,
3 Cork Street, W1.
October 23.

VAT on books

From Mr Edwin Whiting

Sir, I recently received a copy of the Customs and Excise leaflet, 701/39/84, VAT Liability Law. Looking through the lists of zero-rated and exempt items many possibilities for the extension of VAT come to mind.

My selection of items that could be taxed is: newspaper advertising, advertising services, ship and aircraft repairs, transport by coach (i.e., abolish the exemption for vehicles carrying more than 12 passengers), services to shipping and aircraft, travel agency services, package holidays, protective clothing, motor cyclist helmets, insurance commission, insurance claims handling, hire purchase finance commission, financial services, bank charges, and fees for private education and tuition.

All the above would seem to be preferable to books on grounds of a more inelastic demand, less adverse effect on employment, smaller tendency for the tax to be offset or reclaimed and less long-term damage to the informed society.

Yours faithfully,
EDWIN WHITING,
Manchester Business School,
University of Manchester,
Booth Street West,
Manchester.
October 18.

Leaders we deserve

From Mr Julian Brazier

Sir, We are repeatedly told that peoples get the leaders they deserve. We in the West have seen the Pope struck down and forgive his would-be assassin, the President of the United States joking as they wheeled him into surgery for his bullet wounds and the Queen bear up proudly in the face of a revolver.

Now we have seen the Prime Minister emerge icy calm from her shattered hotel and heard of one of her ministers joking from under the tons of masonry covering him and his wife.

If we deserve even a portion of this leadership, there must surely be more than a little hope for us all.

Yours faithfully,
JULIAN BRAZIER,
47 Moreton Place, SW1.
October 17.

Local democracy

From Councillor Alan Woods

Sir, Your editorial column of October 17 opens with the statement that a Labour-run London borough has just appointed as its social services director a councillor who is chairman of social services in a neighbouring Labour controlled borough.

The appointing borough, which you do not name, is of course, Camden.

Patrick Kodikara, our newly-appointed social services director, is indeed Chairman of the Hackney Social Services Committee. He also has 15 years of management experience in the social services and health fields both in London local government and in the National Health Service.

He was appointed by a panel of councillors which included a member of Camden's Conservative opposition. The panel made a unanimous decision after two series of interviews to appoint Mr Kodikara from a field of 13 very strong candidates, all of whom had considerable experience and expertise in the social services and management fields.

I am at a loss to understand how this routine appointment of an outstanding candidate qualifies as "an example of degenerating civic culture" or of "councillors playing favourites with the general revenue".

Yours faithfully,
ALAN WOODS, Chairman,
Social Services Committee,
London Borough of Camden,
Members' Room,
Town Hall,
Euston Road, NW1.
October 17.

Oh, M Porter!

From Mr C. F. Whittall

Sir, A few weeks ago, after many years' absence from France, I decided to make a tour, by rail, of the greater French Gothic cathedrals.

When I got to France, however, and was faced with much entering and leaving stations and climbing into trains, I realised that I had burdened myself with far too heavy a suitcase for a very senior citizen.

I feared that the suitcase was going to ruin my holiday. But I need not have worried.

At every station strong men, and in two cases women, appeared and insisted on carrying the suitcase.

On the occasion of the French President's state visit to London I should like to thank those kind people who enabled me to complete my pilgrimage and enjoy their country's greatest works of art.

Yours faithfully,
C. F. WHITTALL,
14 Chatfield Road,
Cuckfield,
West Sussex.

South African four

From Mr L. G. Baxter and others

Sir, The South African Foreign Minister has stated that the decision of his Government not to return, as it had undertaken, the four South Africans accused of unlawful arms dealing was reached on the basis of "legal advice".

Lest it be thought that the South African Government's view of the law is shared by the legal community in South Africa as a whole, we would draw your attention to representation made by various legal bodies to the Minister urging him to reconsider. We ourselves strongly deplore the South African Government's action, for which we believe there is no legal justification.

Yours,
L. G. BAXTER, J. R. LUND,
A. K. BLOMMAERT, M. L. LUPTON,
A. BORROWDALE, A. S. MATHEWS,
M. G. COWLING, M. L. MATHEWS,
B. T. DALLING, J. R. L. MILTON,
University of Natal,
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PO Box 375,
Pietermaritzburg,
South Africa.
October 15.

Sauce of learning

From Mr H. J. G. Richards

Sir, Dr John Hunter (October 20) is not alone. There must be many who miss the opportunity to polish up their Franglais by constant study of the description of the virtues of HP sauce.

Perhaps it was omitted from the label after a prolonged but unsuccessful attempt to capture the French market for bottled sauces. This would not be surprising; HP sauce, like most others produced in this country, is admirably suited for Anglo-Saxon cooking, as it disguises rather than enhances the taste of our food.

It is said that a Frenchman, on recovering from his first application of the sauce, studied the bottle intently and opined that it could be more briefly and just as accurately labelled in his language as *une sauce incendiaire*.

Yours faithfully,
H. J. G. RICHARDS,
16 Manor Wood Road,
Purley,
Surrey.
October 20.

From Lieutenant-Commander J. H. McGivering, RNR (retd)

Sir, *Pace* Dr John Hunter, give me the multi-lingual Angostura label at any meal!

Your obedient servant,
J. H. McGIVERING,
17 Addlestone Park,
Addlestone,
Weybridge,
Surrey.
October 20.

Protection of churches

From Mr Ivor Bulmer-Thomas

Sir, Lord Sandford (October 3) has drawn an idealistic picture of the Church of England's system of protecting churches which bears little correspondence with the facts.

So far as the Church Commissioners are concerned, the reality is shown by the fact that they would have destroyed the magnificent church of St John's, Smith Square, on which he looks out from his London home, if they had not been frustrated by the pertinacity of Lady Parker of Waddington, ably supported by her husband, the Lord Chief Justice, and a band of helpers. It is shown more recently by the fact that in the case of the only redundant church that has so far been the subject of a public inquiry the Commissioners destroyed a Grade 1 building (Holy Trinity, Rugby) against the recommendation of the Secretary of State and his inspector.

So far as the faculty jurisdiction is concerned, the powers of Chancellors to demolish churches were almost entirely taken away in 1964 on account of the many scandals, and discussion of the merits or otherwise of the faculty jurisdiction is almost entirely irrelevant; but the destruction of Stourport St Michael shows how pernicious these residual powers can be, and the failure of the faculty jurisdiction to protect the furnishings of churches was glaringly shown a few months ago when the Chancellor of the Diocese of London, against the strong advice of the Diocesan Advisory Committee for the Care of Churches and the (national) Council for the Care of Churches, granted a faculty to St Mary-le-Bow to sell a large part of its silver heritage for the purpose of providing an income of £7,000 a year in perpetuity to pay a verger.

As a member of the Church Assembly/General Synod for 34 years, and a communicant for much longer, I am ashamed of the fight the ecclesiastical authorities are putting up to defend an anachronistic and harmful privilege.

Yours faithfully,
IVOR BULMER-THOMAS,
Hon. Director,
Friends of Friendless Churches,
12 Edwardes Square, W8.
October 14.



COURT AND SOCIAL

COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
October 24: The President of the French Republic this morning drove to St James's Palace in a Carriage Procession, accompanied by a Captain's Escort with Standard of the Household Cavalry, under the Command of Captain James Hewitt, The Life Guards, and received High Commissioners of the Commonwealth Countries and Ambassadors in London.

Madame Mitterrand this morning visited the Royal Academy of Arts and was received by the Secretary (Mr Piers Rodgers).

The President of the French Republic and Madame Mitterrand visited the Palace of Westminster and were received by the Lord Great Chamberlain (the Marquess of Cholmondeley).

The Lord President of the Council and Leader of the House of Lords (the Viscount Whitelaw) and the Lord Privy Seal and Leader of the House of Commons (the Right Hon John Biffen, MP) were presented to The President and Madame Mitterrand.

The President of the French Republic was conducted to the Dais by the Lord Chancellor (the Lord Hailsham of St Marylebone) and the Speaker (the Right Hon Bernard Wheatherill, MP) and addressed the Members of both Houses of Parliament in the Royal Gallery.

The Queen's Body Guard of the Yeomen of the Guard were on duty.

The President of the French Republic and Madame Mitterrand were entertained at luncheon by the Prime Minister on behalf of Her Majesty's Government at No 10 Downing Street.

After luncheon The President of the French Republic had talks with the Prime Minister.

The President of the French Republic this afternoon visited No 4 Carlton Gardens, SW1 and viewed the Plaque commemorating the Appeal by General de Gaulle on 18th June, 1940 to the People of France.

The President of the French Republic this afternoon at Buckingham Palace received the Right Hon Neil Kinnock, MP (Leader of the Opposition) accompanied by the Right Hon Denis Healey, MP.

The President of the French Republic and Madame Mitterrand were entertained at a Banquet by the Right Hon the Lord Mayor and Corporation of London at Guildhall.

The Duke and Duchess of Gloucester were present.

Before the Banquet a Court of Common Council was held and Their Excellencies received an Address of Welcome.

His Excellency Mr Richard C. Demeritte was received in audience by The Queen upon his appointment as High Commissioner for the Commonwealth of the Bahamas in London.

Mrs Demeritte had the honour of being received by Her Majesty.

His Excellency Dr Galo Leoro and Señora de Leoro were received in farewell audience by The Queen and took leave upon His Excellency relinquishing his appointment as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary from Ecuador to the Court of St James's.

Mr R. A. Fyjis-Walker was received in audience by The Queen and kissed hands on his appointment as Her Majesty's Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary at Islamabad.

Mrs Fyjis-Walker had the honour of being received by the Queen.

Mr A. M. Fraser (Chairman of the Board of Customs and Excise) had the honour of being received by Her Majesty.

The Queen this afternoon opened the Ashley Centre, Epsom.

Having been received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Surrey (the Lord Hamilton of Dalzell) and the Mayor of Epsom and Ewell (Councillor Norma Fryer). The Queen unveiled a commemorative plaque and afterwards visited the Playhouse.

Lady Abel Smith, Mr Robert Fellowes and Lieutenant-Colonel Blair Stewart-Wilson were in attendance.

The Right Hon Margaret Thatcher, MP (Prime Minister and First Lord of the Treasury) had an audience of Her Majesty this evening.

The Duke of Edinburgh, President of the Tiger Club, this morning at Buckingham Palace presided at a meeting of the judges of the "Dawn to Dusk" and GNAV Competitions.

His Royal Highness, Master, attended the Trinity House Luncheon for the Right Hon the Lord Mayor and Sheriffs of London at Trinity House, London EC3.

Brigadier Clive Robertson was in attendance.

The Duke of Edinburgh, Grand Master of the Guild of Air Pilots and Air Navigators, this evening attended the Guild's Livery Investiture and Awards Dinner at the Merchant Taylors' Hall, London EC2.

His Royal Highness was received by the Master of the Merchant Taylors (Mr P A S Blomfield) and the Master of the Guild (Captain Kenneth Blevins).

Squadron Leader Timothy Finneron was in attendance.

The Queen was represented by Lieutenant-Colonel the Lord Charteris of Amisfield (Permanent Lord in Waiting) at the Memorial Service for Sir John Russell (formerly Her Majesty's Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary at Madrid) which was held in the Church of St Martin-in-the-Fields today.

The Duke of Edinburgh was represented by Mr Brian McGrath.

CLARENCE HOUSE
October 24: Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother, attended by the Dowager Viscountess Hambleden, Lady Elizabeth Basset, Sir Martin Gilliat, Sir Alastair Aird and Captain James Lowther-Pinkerton, left London (Heathrow) Airport today in an Aircraft of The Queen's Flight for Italy.

Her Majesty was received at the Airport by the Baroness Phillips (Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant for Greater London).

The following were also present and took leave of Her Majesty: Sr Umberto Vattani (representing the Italian Ambassador), Sir John Stow (representing the Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs) and Mr John Field (Deputy Director, Engineering, Heathrow Airport).

KENSINGTON PALACE
October 24: The Prince of Wales, President, The Prince of Wales's Advisory Group on Disability, this morning at Kensington Palace presided at a meeting of the Group.

His Royal Highness, President, the International Council of United World Colleges, gave a Reception this evening for Second Year Students of the United World College of the Atlantic at Kensington Palace State Apartments.

THATCHED HOUSE LODGE
October 24: Princess Alexandra this afternoon visited the "Better Made in Britain" Exhibition at the Kensington Exhibition Centre, London W8.

In the evening Her Royal Highness, as President for the year 1983/84, accompanied by the Hon Angus Ogilvy, was present at the 157th Annual Festival Dinner of the Printers' Charitable Corporation at Grosvenor House, W1.

Lady Mary Fitzalan-Howard was in attendance.

The Duke of Gloucester, patron, Pestalozzi Childrens' Village Trust, will attend a reception at St James's Palace to mark their silver jubilee appeal on November 1.

A memorial service for Viscountess Chelsea will be held today at 11.30 at St Luke's, Sydney Street, Chelsea.

A memorial service for Lord Gore-Booth will be held today at noon at St Margaret's, Westminster.

A memorial service for Mr F. Campbell Golding will be held today at noon in the Queen's Chapel of the Savoy.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr S. E. Prior-Palmer and Lady Julia Lloyd George
The engagement is announced between Simon, son of the late Major-General G. E. Prior-Palmer and Lady Doreen Prior-Palmer, and Julia, daughter of Earl Lloyd George of Dwyfor and Ruth, Countess Lloyd George of Dwyfor.

Mr T. J. Harris & Miss T. J. Mecklenburgh
The engagement is announced between Timothy James, son of Professor Sir Alan Harris, CBE, and Lady Harris, of Ashley Gardens, SW1, and Teresa Jane, only daughter of Mr and Mrs F. R. Mecklenburgh, of Hemel Hempstead, Hertfordshire.

Mr S. B. Burke and Dr J. Dixon
The engagement is announced between Stephen, elder son of Mr and Mrs P. B. Burke, of Kent Avenue, Ealing, and Jennifer, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs P. Dixon, of Jeddah, Saudi Arabia.

Mr B. P. N. Gartside and Miss S. J. Silva
The engagement is announced between Bruce Peter, second son of Mr and Mrs T. N. Gartside, of Guildford, Surrey, and Sally, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs E. H. T. Silva, of Newenden, Kent.

Mr R. S. Greenwell and Miss J. C. W. Gubbins
The engagement is announced between Robert, younger son of the late Major P. F. Greenwell and of Mrs P. F. Greenwell, of Phillimore Gardens, London, W8, and Claire, elder daughter of the late Mr R. M. S. Gubbins and of Mrs J. H. Gubbins, of Old Granary Farm, Little Ouseburn, North Yorkshire.

Mr N. Hadfield and Miss L. Matthews
The engagement is announced between Nigel, younger son of Mr and Mrs Douglas Hadfield, of Milton of Campsie, Glasgow, and Lucinda, daughter of the late Mr Donald Matthews and Mrs Donald Matthews, of Lennox Gardens, London.

Mr M. Hallett and Miss C. E. Churchill
The engagement is announced between Michael Hallett, elder son of Mr and Mrs Peter Hallett, of Sydney, Australia, and Christine Elaine, second daughter of Mr John Churchill and the late Mary Churchill, and stepdaughter of Mrs John Churchill, of Maidenhead, Berkshire.

Mr S. Harris and Miss T. Pennell
The engagement is announced between Simon, younger son of Mr Philip Harris, of Saundersfoot, Dyfed, South Wales, and Tessa, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Geoffrey Pennell, The Woodlands, Fotherby, Louth, Lincolnshire.

Mr M. J. C. Higton and Mlle D. Delacroix
The engagement is announced between Michael, elder son of Mr Kenneth A. Higton, of Ross-On-Wye, Herefordshire, and the late Mrs Jeane Higton, and Diane, daughter of M and Mme Léon Delacroix, of Brussels, Belgium.

Mr N. S. Hunt and Miss S. Berridge
The engagement is announced between Nigel, eldest son of Mr and Mrs R. H. G. Hunt, of Harlaston, Staffordshire and Suzanne, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Philip Berridge, of East Horsley, Surrey.

Mr M. C. Pollard and Miss F. J. Mackintosh
The engagement is announced between Mark, son of Wing Commander and Mrs N. A. Pollard, of Winterborne Kingston, Dorset and Fiona, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs K. I. Mackintosh, of London W2.

Mr H. Pritchard and Miss D. Reuben
The engagement is announced between Hefin, younger son of the late Dr T. Gwilym Pritchard and Dr Meira Pritchard, of Penygroes, Gwynedd and Denise only daughter of the late Mr Victor Reuben and Mrs Margrit Reuben, of Haywards Heath, Sussex.

Mr O. W. N. Ward and Miss M. S. Edgley
The engagement is announced between Oliver, only son of Mr and Mrs Roger Ward, of Queen's Club Gardens, London, W14, and Melanie, daughter of Mr and Mrs Nigel Edgley of Eaton Hastings House, Faringdon, Oxfordshire.

Mr J. E. A. Barnes and Miss E. S. Rushton
The engagement is announced between James, younger son of the Rev A. P. A. and Mrs Barnes, Winslow Vicarage, Buckinghamshire, and Elisabeth, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs P. L. Rushton, Beckington, Bath.

Mr A. J. G. Bewick and Miss K. D. Brook
The engagement is announced between Guy, eldest son of Mr and Mrs A. J. Bewick, of Bolton, Lancashire, and Karen, elder daughter of the late Mr Mike Brook and Mrs Margaret Brook, of Gargrave, North Yorkshire.

Mr S F C Williams and Miss R D J Fulljames
The engagement is announced between Simon, son of Mr and Mrs Cellan Williams, of Chalfont St Giles, Buckinghamshire, and Rosemary, daughter of Mr and Mrs John Fulljames, of Rhiwbina, Cardiff.

Mr R J S Edwards and Miss B J Sermon
The engagement is announced between Richard John Simon, elder son of Wing Commander and Mrs J M B Edwards of 91 Binfield Road, Bracknell and Beverley Jane, daughter of Mr and Mrs I Sermon, of 27 Oliver Road, South Ascot.

Mr D J Yeomans and Miss A M Reed
The engagement is announced between David John, son of Mr and Mrs E Yeomans, of Brockwell, Chesterfield, and Alison Margret, daughter of Brigadier and Mrs W J Reed, of Chipchase, Gong Hill Drive, Farnham, Surrey.

Mr T. C. V. Wright and Miss C. J. Barber
The engagement is announced between Timothy, second son of Mr and Mrs E. V. Wright, of Hall Place, Beaconsfield, Buckinghamshire, and Caroline, only daughter of Mr R. A. Barber, of Deers Leap, Rogate, Hampshire, and of Mrs B. H. Heath.

Mr T. Cole and Miss J. A. Baxter
The engagement is announced between Thomas, son of Mr and Mrs J. A. Cole, of Merstham, Surrey, and Julie Ann, daughter of Mr and Mrs R. C. Baxter, of Bignor, Sussex.

Dr A. R. Curtis and Miss J.-B. Patterson-Waterston
The engagement is announced between Alfred, second son of Mr and Mrs T. R. Curtis, of Warton, Lancashire, and Jane Patterson-Waterston, elder daughter of the late Mr J. R. Caddy and Mrs I. Caddy, of Warton, Lancashire.

Squadron Leader M. J. F. Davidson, RAF, and Dr S. M. Foster
The engagement is announced between Martyn, son of Mr and Mrs F. Davidson, of York, and Susan, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs N. E. Foster, of Northwood, Middlesex.

Mr R. C. Edgell and Dr J. C. Darling
The engagement is announced between Richard, elder son of Mr and Mrs P. M. Edgell, of New House Farm, Ockley, Surrey, and Janie, only daughter of Dr and Mrs A. H. Darling, of Bourton-on-the-Water, Gloucestershire.

Mr S. C. Prior and Miss L. C. Carter
The engagement is announced between Simon, youngest son of Mr and Mrs Stanley Prior, of Chislehurst, Kent, and Louise, daughter of Mr and Mrs James Carter of Dial Post, Sussex.

Major-General C. J. West and Miss D. E. Atkinson
The engagement is announced between Charles West, of The Hop Meadows, Wilton, Connecticut, United States, and Diana Elizabeth, younger daughter of Brigadier and Mrs J. G. Atkinson, of Garden Cottage, Tenterden, Kent.

Mr M. W. Allsup and Miss C. M. McMullan
The engagement is announced between Mark, son of Mr E. L. Allsup, of Patterdale [?], Cumbria, and Mrs K. E. Hutchinson, of Axminster, Devon, and Carina, daughter of Dr and Mrs J. J. McMullan, of Amersham, Buckinghamshire.

Mr G. W. Everard and Miss A. F. E. Stockdale
The engagement is announced between Graham, son of Mr and Mrs W. G. Everard, of Hatford, Oxfordshire, and Alison, daughter of Colonel A. T. M. Stockdale, OBE, of Puttenham, Surrey, and Mrs D. J. Stockdale, of Hawbush Green, Essex.

Mr I. A. Hill and Miss C. P. Lawson
The engagement is announced between Ivan, younger son of Mr and Mrs A. Hill, of Perry, Cambridgeshire, and Thomasina, second daughter of Mr N. Lawson, MP, of Westminster, London, and Lady Ayer, of Marylebone, London.

Mr G. G. Faultless and Miss L. M. Mattews
The engagement is announced between Graham, son of Mr and Mrs C. G. Faultless, of Surbiton, Surrey, and Liane, only daughter of Mr and Mrs F. G. Mattews, of Pontypool, Gwent.

Mr H. J. Gregson and Miss S. E. Woodward
The engagement is announced between Jonathan, son of Mr and Mrs H. R. Gregson, of Hove, Sussex, and Sarah, daughter of Mr A. S. Woodward, of Luxembourg, and Mrs E. A. Woodward, of Slinfold, Sussex.

Mr A. K. M. Ashton and Dr P. M. White
The engagement is announced between Andrew, only son of Squadron Leader and Mrs H. A. Ashton, of Wallingford, Oxfordshire, and Patricia, daughter of the late Mr N. E. White and of Mrs M. P. White, of Maidenhead, Berkshire.

Mr H. G. Buckmaster and Miss J. M. Hobhouse
The engagement is announced between Henry, son of Mr Richard Buckmaster, of Radway, Warwickshire, and the late Mrs Jacqueline Buckmaster, and Julia, daughter of Mr Hugh Hobhouse, of East Compton, Somerset, and Mrs Alastair Timpson, of Castle Combe, Wiltshire.

Mr P. H. R. Daviron and Miss C. S. H. Robertson
The engagement is announced between Pierre, son of the late Colonel Raoul Daviron and Mme Daviron, of Lyons, and Christian, daughter of Major Donald S. Robertson, of Winkfield, Berkshire, and Mrs Hersey Robertson, of Minard, Argyll.

Mr J. D. J. Butcher and Miss L. Fordham
The engagement is announced between James Duthrie Justin, elder son of Mr and Mrs James Butcher, of Hookwood House, Limpsfield, Surrey, and Lisa, daughter of Mr Jeremy Fordham, of Odsey Park, Ashwell, Hertfordshire, and Mrs Perina Fordham, of 6 Shawfield Street, London, SW3.

Mr D. A. Cameron-Clarke and Miss L. L. Lachmann
The engagement is announced between Alistair Cameron-Clarke, of St Brelade, Jersey, Channel Islands, only son of the late S. M. Cameron-Clarke and Mrs M. Aitken, of Kensington, London, and Linda Lee, eldest daughter of the late Charles R. Lachman and Mrs R. Lachman, of New York, United States.

Memorial service

Sir John Russell
The Queen was represented by Lieutenant-Colonel Lord Charteris of Amisfield and the Duke of Edinburgh by Mr Brian McGrath at a memorial service for Sir John Russell held yesterday at St Martin-in-the-Fields. Prince Michael of Kent was present. The Rev Charles Hedley officiated, assisted by the Bishop of Gibraltar in Europe, who said the commendation.

Mr Alexander Russell, son, read from John Bunyan's *Pilgrim's Progress* and Lord Home of the Hirsel gave an address. The Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs was represented by Sir Edwin Arrowsmith and the Diplomatic Service by Sir Antony Acland. Others present included:

Lady Russell (widow), Mr and Mrs Brooke Boothby (son-in-law and daughter), Aliki Boothby (granddaughter), Mr Paul Annik Weiller (stepson), Mr and Mrs Henri Claudel (brother-in-law and sister-in-law), Mr and Mrs Mark Sykes, Miss Victoria Sykes, Lord and Lady Northbourne, the Marquess of Tavistock, Lord and Lady Francis Russell, Mr Alaric Russell, Mr and Mrs Martin Russell, Sir Hugo Boothby, the Hon Charles James, Mrs Dora Lauder, Mrs Katia Ralli, Mr John Ralli, Mrs Helli Zalocosta, Mr and Mrs Noel Blakiston, Mr and Mrs Cosmo Russell, Mrs Penelope Hale, Mrs Richard Parry, Miss Veronica Hale, Air Commodore and Mrs M Birkin, Mr and Mrs David Birkin.

Ambassadors, high commissioners and other members of the Diplomatic Corps; the Duke and Duchess of Portland, Margaret Duchess of Argyll, the Earl and Countess of Dartmouth, the Earl and Countess of Lauderdale, the Earl of Ranfurly, Countess Fitzwilliam, the Countess of Lisburne, the Countess of Bessborough, Lord and Lady Michael Fitzalan-Howard, Viscount Montgomery of Alamein, Viscountess Stuart of Findhorn, Leila Viscountess Hampden, Viscount and Viscountess Hawarden, Lady Home of the Hirsel, Lady Greenhill of Harrow, Lady Adeane, Lord Inchyra, Lady Duncan-Sandys, Lady Gore-Booth, Lady Soames, Lord Ampthill, Baroness Dacre.

Lord Thorneycroft, CH, Lady Trevelyan, Lord St Oswald, Lady Dunboyne, Lord Pender, Lord Howard of Henderskelfe, Lady Gladwyn, Lord and Lady King of Wartnaby, Lord and Lady Keith of Castleacre, Mr Peter Rees, QC, MP, and Mrs Rees, Sir Anthony Nutting, Lady Barbara Bossom, Lady Daphne Straight, Lady Caroline Faber, Lady Alexandra Metcalfe, Lady Catherine Amery, Princess Joan Aly Khan, the Hon Diana Makgill, the Hon Mrs Simon Howard, the Hon John Jolliffe, the Hon Lady Mackeson, the Hon Mrs Adrian Berry, the Hon Lady de Zulueta, the Hon David and Mrs Montagu, the Hon Thomas Hazlerigg, the Hon Lady Bowater, the Hon Lady Russell.

Sir Geoffrey and Lady Elizabeth Shakerley, Sir Harry Llewellyn (British Show Jumping Association), Sir Ronald Lindsay, Sir John and Lady Bagge, Lady d'Avigdor-Goldsmid, Lady Dashwood, Sir John Prideaux, Lady Bowker, Lady Gainer, Sir Geoffrey and Lady Harrison, Sir David Hildyard, Sir John and Lady Pilcher, Sir Stephen Hastings, Air Chief Marshal Sir Neil Wheeler, Sir Alan and Lady Campbell, Sir William Harding, Sir Edward and Lady Tomkins.

Sir Geoffrey Jackson, Lady Palliser, Sir Peter and Lady Allen, Sir Brooks Richards, Sir Isaiah Berlin, OM, Sir David and Lady Lidderdale, Sir Rex and Lady Niven, Sir Michael Stewart, Sir Derek Dodson, Sir Alan Rothnie, Sir Edward and the Hon Lady Ford, Sir Philip Adams, Sir Douglas and Lady Dodds-Parker, Lady Stirling, Sir Reginald and Lady Secondé, Sir Charles Johnston, Sir John and Lady Buckley, Sir John Colville, Sir Frederick Mason, Sir Leslie Bowes, Sir Derick Ashe, Sir Paul and Lady Wright, Sir Archibald and Lady Ross, Sir Andrew Stark, Sir Patrick Reilly.

Lady Abel Smith, Lieutenant-Colonel Sir John Miller, Sir George and Lady Middleton, Sir Frank Roberts, Mr Brinsley and Lady Moorea Black, Mr Richard and Lady Serena Andrew, Mr Edward and Lady Henrietta St George, Mr and the Hon Mrs B Hervey-Bathurst, Mr David Hicks, Mr and Mrs Vane Ivanovic, Mrs Kingman Brewster, Mrs Peter Cazalet, Mrs Andrew Sinclair, Mr Frank Giles, Mr J A Floyd, Mr Winston S Churchill, MP, and Mrs Churchill, Mr R A Farquharson.

Mr Ronald Scrivener, Mr and Mrs Ewen Fergusson, Mr Charles Harding, Mr Michael Szell, Mr and Mrs George Doughty, Prince and Princess George Galitzine, the Marquise de St Innocent, Mrs Mark Littman, Wing Commander Michael Holliday, Mrs T Garel-Jones, Mrs and Mrs Tom Burns, Mr John London, Mr David Sutherland, Mrs Sarah Morphet, Mr and Mrs Walter Bell, Mr and Mrs Max Harari, Mr and Mrs Philip Harari, Mr David Metcalf, Mrs Peter Mennell.

Miss Beatrix Miller (editor-in-chief, Vogue magazine) with Miss Felicity Clark and Miss Ingrid Bleichroeder; Mrs Davina Phillips, Mrs John Sheffield, Mr Bill Henderson (West Street Hunt) and Mr H J Bragg; Mr James Hervey-Bathurst, Mrs E Goodhew, Lieutenant-Colonel Neil McLean, Dr Grace Thornton, Mr Anthony Montague Browne, Miss Jean Shaw, Mr Aidan Crawley, Miss Harriet Crawley, Mr Christopher Phillpotts, Miss Patricia Rawlings, Dr and Mrs Thomas Keeble, Miss Angela Nevill, Mr and Mrs Neville French, Mr John White, Mr and Mrs R H Grierson, Mr Peter Laing.

Mr Kenneth Rose, Mr Reresby Sitwell, Mr John Askew, Mrs K M Stuttard (Anglo-Spanish Society), Mr James Hadley (chairman, Franco-British Society, also representing the chairman, Franco-British Council, British Section), Dr David Hamilton (chairman, Anglo-Ethiopian Society), Mr Peter Coats, Rear-Admiral J R Llewellyn, Mme Etienne Allard and Mr Anthony Wynn.




Mrs Elizabeth Steward, of Blackheath, London, who was named yesterday as UK Sony top secretary of 1984. She works for the Chase Manhattan Bank in London.

Luncheons

Prime Minister
The Prime Minister and Mr Denis Thatcher were hosts at a luncheon given yesterday at 10 Downing Street in honour of the President of France and Mme Mitterrand. The other guests were:

M Claude Cheysson, M Robert Badinter, M Roland Dumas, M Jacques Attali, the Ambassador of France and Madame Emmanuel de Margerie, M Henry Deltale, Senateur Robert Pontillon, M Michel Vauzelle, M Jacques de la Ferrière, M Hubert Vedrine, Mme Elisabeth Guigou, Mme Christine Cottin.

Sir Geoffrey Howe, QC, MP, and Lady Howe, Mr Leon Brittan, QC, MP, and Mrs Brittan, the Hon Adam Butler, MP, and Mrs Butler, the Bishop of Ely and Mrs Walker, Lord Somerleyton, Lady Susan Hussey, Lord Hartwell, Lord and Lady Sieff of Brimpton, Mr Roy Jenkins, MP, and Mrs Jenkins, Sir Anthony Meyer, MP, and Lady Meyer, Sir Nicholas and Lady Henderson.

Sir Frederic Bennett, MP, and Lady Bennett, Sir Donald and Lady Barron, Sir Henry Plumb, MEP, and Lady Plumb, Sir Robin and Lady Brook, Sir Anthony Kershaw, MP, and Lady Kershaw, Sir Walter and Lady Marshall, Professor and Mrs John Kingman, Mr and Mrs John Egan, Mr George Walden, MP, and Mrs Walden, Mr Geoffrey Owen, Sir John and Lady Fretwell, Major Hugh Lindsay, Sir Crispin and Lady Tickell, Miss Carol Thatcher, Mr Michael Alison, MP, and Mrs Alison, and Mr and Mrs Charles Powell.

Trinity House
The Duke of Edinburgh, Master of Trinity House, presided at a luncheon given by the Elder Brethren yesterday for the Lord Mayor and the Sheriffs.

Lord Gallacher
Lord Gallacher entertained members and guests of the council of the Institute of Meat at luncheon in the House of Lords yesterday.

Dinners

Corporation of London
On the occasion of the visit of the President of France and Mme Mitterrand to the City of London, the Lord Mayor and Corporation of London yesterday presented an address welcome and afterwards held a banquet in Guildhall at which the Duke and Duchess of Gloucester were present. The Lord Mayor was accompanied by Sir John Donaldson and the Sheriffs and their ladies. Among those present were:

M Claude Cheysson, M Robert Badinter, M Roland Dumas, Jacques Attali, the Ambassador of France and Mme Emmanuel de Margerie, Henry Deltale, Senateur Robert Pontillon, M Michel Vauzelle, M Jacques de la Ferrière, M Hubert Vedrine, Mme Elisabeth Guigou, the Ambassador of Italy and Signora Cagiati, the Ambassador of Morocco and Mrs Benabdeljalil, the Ambassador of Japan and Mrs Hirahara, the Apostolic Pro-Nuncio, the Ambassador of Brazil and Senhora Gibson-Barboza, the Ambassador of the German Democratic Republic and Frau Lindner, the High Commissioner for the Bahamas and Mrs Demeritte.

Lord and Lady Maclean, Lord and Lady Somerleyton, Baroness Seear, Lord and Lady Gladwyn, Lord Lloyd of Kilgerran, QC, and Lady Lloyd, Lord and Lady Duncan-Sandys, Lord Renton, QC, and Lady Renton, Lord and Lady Hunt of Tanworth, Lord and Lady Weinstock, Lord and Lady Brabourne, Lord and Lady King of Wartnaby, Sir Geoffrey Howe, QC, MP, and Lady Howe, the Hon Nicholas Ridley, MP, and Mrs Ridley, Mr Michael Jopling, MP, and Mrs Jopling, Lord and Lady Lane, Field Marshal Sir Edwin and Lady Bramall, Air Chief Marshal Sir Keith and Lady Williamson, General Sir Nigel and Lady Poett, Brigadier and Mrs Hill, Colonel Buckmaster, the Chairman of the Greater London Council, the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress of Westminster, Masters of city livery companies, members of the French Embassy, French people resident in the United Kingdom, representatives of the Civil Service and City institutions and aldermen, common councilmen and officers of the Corporation of London and their ladies.

Guild of Air Pilots and Air Navigators of London
The Duke of Edinburgh, Grand Master of the Guild of Air Pilots and Air Navigators of London, presided at a Court meeting held at Merchant Taylors' Hall yesterday before the trophies and awards dinner.

The Grand Master proposed the toast to the guild to which the Master of the Merchant Taylors' Company, Mr P. Blomfield, replied. Captain Kenneth Blevins, master of the guild, also spoke.

Printers' Charitable Corporation
Princess Alexandra, president, and the Hon Angus Ogilvy were present last night at the 157th festival dinner of the Printers' Charitable Corporation held at Grosvenor House. Princess Alexandra presented "pro merito" awards to Prebendary Dewi Morgan and Mr John Morcock. Among others present were:

Mr Norman Garrod, chairman of the council, Sir Eric and Lady Cheadle, Mr Rupert Murdoch, who is to be president of the corporation for 1985, and Mrs Murdoch, Mr and Mrs Gordon Brunton, Sir Edward and Lady Pickering, Mr and Mrs Robert Maxwell and Major-General and Mrs Tony Dyball.

Coningsby Club
The Archbishop of Canterbury was entertained at dinner by the Coningsby Club last night at the Carlton Club. Mr Andrew Stuttaford presided.

Dinosaurs Club
The Dinosaurs Club held a dinner yesterday at the House of Commons, sponsored by Mr John Stokes, MP. Mr Cecil Parkinson, MP, was the principal guest and Mr Donald Box, chairman, presided.

Company of Chartered Accountants
The Company of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales held its installation Court dinner at Chartered Accountant's Hall yesterday. The Master, Sir Kenneth Cork, presided and the other speakers were Lord Wilson of Rievaulx, Mr D. G. Richards, Junior Warden, and Lord Justice Eveleigh.

Windsor Eton and District Royal Warrant Holders' Association
Sir Michael Colman, Bt, and Sir David Napley were the principal speakers at the annual dinner of the Windsor Eton and District Royal Warrant Holders' Association held last night in Windsor. Mr F. S. Newman, president of the association, was in the chair.

Service dinner

Blythe Sappers
Major-General R. W. T. Britten presided at a dinner for their ladies and guests given by the Blythe Sappers last night at the Royal Engineers Headquarters Mess Chatham. The Chief Royal Engineer, General Sir Hugh Beach, and Lady Beach were the guests of honour.

Reception

Commonwealth Parliamentary Association
Sir Peter Mills, MP, deputy chairman, Commonwealth Parliamentary Association, UK Branch, Mr Ted Garrett, MP, joint honorary treasurer, and members of the executive committee gave a reception yesterday in honour of Lord Shinwell, CH, at Westminster Hall. Lord Bottomley and Sir Bernard Braine, MP, proposed a toast to Lord Shinwell to mark his 100th birthday and his long membership of the association.

City Livery Club

The following have been elected officers of the City Livery Club for the ensuing year:
President: Mr Bernard J. Brown; Vice-President: Mr Norman A. Royce; Honorary Secretary: Mr Deputy Bernard L. Morgan; Honorary Treasurer: Mr Philip A. Allday; Honorary Solicitor: Sir John Welch.

The Alice Ottley School

The Council of The Alice Ottley School, Worcester, announces that Miss Christine Sibbit has been appointed headmistress from January 1986, in succession to Miss E. D. Millest, who is retiring. Miss Sibbit is at present deputy headmistress, The Girls Grammar School, Tunbridge Wells.

Birthdays today

Mr R. J. Andrew, 56; Lord Brimelow, 69; Mr Gerald Coke, 77; Dame Mary Colvin, 77; Major-General Sir Rohan Delacombe, 78; Major-General Sir Julian Gascoigne, 81; Mr Martin Gilbert, 48; Sir John Mayhew-Sanders, 53; Mr Joe Mercer, 50; Dr Ludwig Rosenfeld, 80; Mr George Russell, 49; Professor D. J. Wiseman, 66.

Royal Thames Yacht Club

The Prince of Wales has been elected Commodore of the Royal Thames Yacht Club for the ensuing year. The other elected Flag Officers are Vice-Commodore Owen A. A. Aisher, Rear Commodore David J. Rimmer, Rear Commodore David J. Arnold.

Redrice School Old Boys Association

It is intended to hold a buffet reception in London during late November or early December this year to which all members are invited. Would those interested in attending please contact Dr J. C. O'Shea, Salisbury (0722) 24387.

Latest wills

Lord Geoffrey-Lloyd, of Pimlico, London, the Conservative MP, left estate valued at £1,895,119 net. He left £200,000 and his collection of drawings and water colours by Constantin Guys, to the Leeds Castle Foundation.

Mr Sidney Frank Mitchell Boulting, of South Kensington, London company director, left estate valued at £1,022,091 net.

Mr Alfons Neuburger, of East Finchley, London, company director, left estate valued at £666,111 net. He left personal legacies totalling £10,500, half the residue to the Imperial Cancer Research Fund, and half the residue to the Synagogue, Belsize Square, London.

Lord Vaizey, of Chiswick, London, the economist, left estate valued at £99,817 net.

Plumbers' Company

The following have been elected officers of the Plumbers' Company for the ensuing year:
Master: Mr P. L. Steer; Upper Warden: Mr M. B. Caroe; Renter Warden: Mr G. J. W. Marsh.

Because of pressure on space, a number of items have been held over.

OBITUARY

PROFESSOR PAUL DIRAC

A founder of quantum mechanics

Professor Paul Adrien Maurice Dirac, OM, FRS, who won the Nobel Prize for physics in 1933, died on October 20 in Florida, United States, at the age of 82. He was Professor of Mathematics at Cambridge from 1932 to 1969.

Dirac was born on August 8, 1902, at Bristol, the son of a Swiss father and an English mother. He attended the Merchant Venturers School, Bristol, and afterwards Bristol University, where he graduated in electrical engineering in 1921.

After two years study of mathematics he entered St John's College, Cambridge, in 1923 as an Exhibitioner and research student. In 1925 he made his reputation by the publication of a paper which established the fundamental principles of quantum mechanics, and which led to the demonstration of the equivalence of the apparently dissimilar formalisms being developed by Schrödinger and Heisenberg.

Dirac then turned his attention to the combination of relativity and quantum theory, laying the foundations of quantum field theory by his discussion of the electromagnetic field and making his greatest discovery by the formulation of the relativistic equation of the electron. The theory of the positron, the first example of anti-matter, followed, together with its triumphant experimental vindication shortly afterwards.

This brilliant sequence of researches established Dirac as the greatest British theoretical physicist since Maxwell, and led to the award of the Nobel Prize in 1933. His active professional life continued for 40 more years but he did not achieve again the splendid successes of that early work.

He was a man of very well defined interests and tastes, with little sympathy either for the complexities of nuclear physics or for the somewhat inelegant mathematical procedures which were to bring important further developments in quantum electrodynamics, the subject he had founded.

In 1930 appeared the first edition of his book *The Principles of Quantum Mechanics*. It established itself as one of the great classics of scientific literature. His lectures at Cambridge were closely modelled on it, and they conveyed to generations of students a powerful impression of the coherence and elegance of quantum theory. They constituted his principal contribution to education, for he took very few research students.

Dirac brought to private life the logical directness which he used to such effect in his scientific work. Many stories illustrative of this have circulated, of which his attitude to a questioner at the end of a lecture is typical. The man indicated that he had not followed a particular point of Diracs argument. A silence followed and at last the chairman asked if Professor Dirac would deal with the question. "It was a statement, not a question" came the reply.

Dirac became a Fellow of the Royal Society in 1930, received its Royal Medal in 1939 and the Copley Medal in 1952. He was elected Lucasian Professor of Mathematics at Cambridge in 1932, and was then Professor Emeritus. From 1971 he was Professor of Physics at Florida State University. In 1973 he was appointed to the Order of Merit.

He married in 1937 Margit Wigner of Budapest, the sister of Eugene Wigner, a distinguished theoretical physicist, and there were two children of the marriage.

OSKAR WERNER

Oskar Werner, the Austrian stage and film actor, died on October 23 of a heart attack at the age of 61.

A sensitive performer, with blond hair and a round, boyish face, he had a distinguished career in the German-speaking theatre before reaching out to a wider audience through his roles in international films in the 1960s.

He was nominated for an Oscar for his portrayal of the physician in Stanley Kramer's *Ship of Fools*, but he will be best remembered as the young German in love with Jeanne Moreau in François Truffaut's lyrical triangle story set before and just after the First World War, *Jules et Jim*.

He also worked with Truffaut on *Fahrenheit 451*, an adaptation of the science fiction novel by Ray Bradbury which was made in Britain. His other British films included the John le Carré thriller, *The Spy Who Came in From the Cold*; the romantic drama, *Interlude*; and *The Shoes of the Fisherman*.

He was born Oskar Josef Bschliessmeyer in Vienna on November 13, 1922. At 19 he became a regular member of the Viennese Burgtheater, one of the leading German-language theatre companies, and went on to play a variety of classical and modern roles.

He also appeared at other theatres in Vienna, at the Salzburg Festival and in Germany and Switzerland. Among his notable performances were the title role in Jean Anouilh's *Becket*, St Just in *Danton's Death* and a Hamlet at Frankfurt in 1952.

He made his first film, *Angel with a Trombone*, in 1948. Three years later he went to Hollywood to play the lead in Anatole Litvak's anti-Nazi spy adventure, *Decision Before Dawn*, and in 1955 he had strong supporting roles in *Der Letzte Akt*, G. W. Pabst's film about the last days of Hitler, and *Lola Montes*, the last picture directed by Max Ophüls, which he helped to set up.

He was later put under contract by Twentieth Century Fox, but he left Hollywood in the 1960s after a dispute with the company and most of his subsequent films were made in Britain. His last important picture, *Voyage of the Damned*, came out in 1976.

In recent years he had worked mainly in the German and Austrian theatre, both as actor and impresario. He was married at different times to Elizabeth Kallina, an actress, and to Anne Power, the adopted daughter of the American film actor, Tyrone Power. Both marriages were dissolved. He is survived by a son and a daughter.

HENRI MICHAUX

Henri Michaux, the Belgian-born French poet, playwright, essayist and artist, died in Paris on October 17. He was 85.

A "Belgian of Paris" as he was wont to describe himself (he became a French citizen in 1955) he produced poems, and indeed a whole range of other writings, of a high degree of originality. Early in his creative life he had brushed against Surrealism. Certainly his early reputation was as one of the *avant garde*, and his later experiments with hallucinogenic drugs — which certainly inspired some of his painting and illustration – did nothing to dispel this.

But he remained to the end, highly individual, a distinctive and different performer in the two modes, verbal and visual.

Henri Michaux was born at Namur on May 24, 1899. His father was a lawyer and both parents were Catholic. Educated at a Jesuit college, he became ill and was sent to the country.

At twenty, finding himself over-introspective he ran away to sea on a collier and experienced the rough life and long voyages around North and South America. He established himself with the comic series of fifteen sketches in *Un Certain Plume* (1930), *A Certain Plume*. Plume, his own apotheosis of Charlie Chaplin, is a defenceless figure whose inoffensiveness releases the vilest impulses in others.

Michaux then wrote *Un Barbare en Asie* (1931), translated into English as *A Barbarian in Asia* in 1949. This individualistic travel book was based on a voyage to the Far East. Meanwhile he had come under the influence of Jules Supervielle, and (later) the Surrealists. He published experimental verse in *avant garde* periodicals (in some of these, perfectly controlled, he parodied states of extreme insanity – in order to avoid becoming subject to them), co-authored a book on astrology (1941), and edited the mystical periodical *Hermès* (1937-9).

In 1944 he published *L'Espace du dedans*, translated as *The Space Within* (1951). Here he explores his divided self – the persecutor and the persecuted, and the struggle between them.

In 1966 he gave further explanations of his predicament in the dense *Les Grandes Epreuves de l'esprit et les innombrables petites*, his masterpiece, which appeared in English as *The Major Ordeals of the Mind and the Countless Minor Ones* (1974). In this classic work, an examination of the mode of life forced upon the manic-depressive, he demonstrated his distance from the Paris existentialists, all of whom he had known.

Other of his books gave accounts of his experiences of taking hallucinogenic drugs, such as mescalin. His self-illustrated books of prose-poems and poems recorded his grotesque and self-tormenting inner visions.

Michaux was by no means a largely inaccessible writer. He demonstrated with uncanny power how people create monsters in order to destroy themselves, and how they then vainly seek to exorcize them. Though chiefly concerned to rid himself of the nightmare of perpetual damnation, he had the gift of a delightful, earthy, genial humour.

Michaux had had his first exhibition as a painter in 1937 in the Galerie Pierre in Paris, though he had painted for years previously and had travelled widely.

Gouache, to which he gave the name *phantomisme*, later claimed his attention and he exhibited in the Galerie René Drouin in Paris in 1948.

The shock of his wife's death in that year produced a spate of visionary drawings in pen and ink and water colours and he later went on to a series of Indian ink drawings which he called *mouvements*.

His mescalin period which began in 1955 produced works in which Michaux recorded psychic disturbances with the same kind of precision with which he had recorded analogous phenomena in his literary *oeuvre*. These experiments made him somewhat fashionable in an age impressionable to such exploration, but did not detract from his integrity. He went on taking mescalin but turned increasingly, through colour compositions in media such as acrylic, to abstract calligraphy.



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Executive Editor Kenneth Fleet

Controls, more controls or free exchange?

Free convertibility of sterling is now such a vital, taken-for-granted condition for international banking and investment, and such an indispensable part of the growth of the City of London as a world financial services centre, that it is easy to forget exchange controls were abolished only five years ago yesterday.

Although there was a short run-up, and free convertibility was clearly a part of the new Tory market philosophy, Sir Geoffrey Howe's decision back in 1979 came as something of a surprise. Before taking office he had envisaged a slow, cautious process of dismantling controls. The 1979 oil price hike changed all that. Sterling was the flavour of the year. Sir Geoffrey opted for wholesale demolition. And it had no discernible effect for more than a year.

Whether the City investors who had been so anxious to free overseas investment controls decided to back the pound along with everyone else, or whether it took them a year to adjust to freedom is hard to say. But overseas investment took off with a vengeance in 1980, accelerating from £400m in the first half to more than £1 billion in the second.

Overseas investment then continued right up until this year, when institutional net buying of foreign shares slowed to £300m in the first quarter, then swung into disinvestment of £700m in the second quarter – the first three month period in which institutions had been net sellers of foreign shares since 1976. To some extent, this marked the long-awaited completion of the restructuring of portfolios. The big investors had brought their proportions of North American and Far Eastern shares up to the long-term desired level. And the institutions were holding back some money for British Telecom and British Airways, utility shares not previously available here.

The main lesson of the five intervening years has been that economic ideas conceived in the age of exchange controls now look decidedly old-fashioned.

The first casualty was the idea that investment financed by public borrowing automatically crowded out private investment. With free currency convertibility, capital flows abroad had to be included in the calculations. As the Bank of England conceded in 1981, "the effectiveness of exchange controls in the past is likely to mean that in the absence of controls, domestic interest rates are now somewhat higher."

The disappearance of the old Bretton Woods exchange control system, under which domestic saving essentially financed domestic investment, meant that other countries' public borrowing could just as easily absorb our savings as our own. There is little doubt that, via high interest rates, the US deficit has "crowded out British" investment.

The abolition of exchange controls has likewise made nonsense of Labour's exchange-rate policy. Abolishing exchange controls has almost certainly left the pound lower than it would otherwise be. Yet Mr Roy Hattersley still plans to impose exchange controls to keep funds in this country (and even to compel their return): while at the same time he is aiming to devalue the pound. To Mr Hattersley, devaluation via the market is wrong, whereas devaluation by Government fiat is right. He seems to want controls to keep the pound up, plus more controls to get it down.

Tokyo eases the City's way

Encouraging signals were coming out of Tokyo yesterday on the vexed issue of access to the Japanese securities market for British brokers and merchant banks. Talks this week between British and Japanese financial officials may have succeeded in breaking the logjam, which has long delayed applications by a number of British companies seeking securities licences in Tokyo, thus defusing the threat of retaliation against Japanese securities houses in London.

This week's talks were conceived some months ago, and were originally intended as a fairly general mutual education session on developments in each other's markets. But increasingly the difficulties and bureaucratic delays encountered by British companies in Tokyo have come to the fore. Attempts to graduate from representative offices, which are allowed to do very little, to branch office status which brings with it important concessions on commission rates, appear to have been blocked, and the suspicion grew that the Japanese wanted to relate the issue to the ambitions of their securities houses in London.

The British position has been that there was already a large imbalance between what Japanese securities houses could do in London and what their British counterparts could do in Tokyo. The team, headed by Mr Geoffrey Littler, second permanent secretary at the Treasury, and including officials from the Bank of England and the Department of Trade, went to Tokyo to try to correct this imbalance.

Mr Littler conceded yesterday that their minor diplomatic triumph will have to be put to the test of time. But on the question of licences, he was optimistic. "We will be very disappointed if there isn't action by the end of the year. I think we have made good progress, but the proof of the pudding is in the eating," he said.

Rather more enigmatically, a senior Japanese official said that while the timing of any approvals is undecided, the efforts to secure licences by Wico, the Hongkong-based subsidiary of Exco International, and merchant banks Kleinwort, Benson and S. G. Warburg, will go on "without delay".

The British team appears to have made clear, implicitly if not explicitly, that the treatment of British institutions in Japan would determine how well Japanese brokers are treated in London as new markets open up. They also seem to have successfuly deflected attempts to tie the issue of licences for British brokers to efforts by Japanese brokers, led by Nomura Securities, to gain banking licences in London.

Japan's finance ministry found little to cheer about in the Bank of England's tough stance on Nomura's chances of obtaining a banking licence. The Bank said that it is prepared to consider applications from non-bank foreign financial istitutions provided they are supervised under normal banking criteria by the bank authorities at home. Strictly speaking, Japanese law prevents that.

This round of talks, however, sets the stage for negotiations later in the year over such delicate points. The Japanese are hopeful that a solution will be found to the Nomura problem somewhat along the lines of agreements which have allowed American securities companies to hold London banking licences.

Apart from brokers' licences in Tokyo, the British side was highly concerned over how British banks will be treated under new guidlines being drawn up, under pressure from the United States, on foreign bank participation in trust banking and investment management activities in Japan.

Imports rise to a record as trade deficit falls by £764m

By David Smith
Economics Correspondent

Britain's overseas trade was in deficit by £764m last month, as imports rose to a new record level. Last month's visible trade deficit was larger than the £716m recorded for the whole of last year.

The invisibles account, shipping, insurance, banking and interest, was estimated to have been in surplus by £250m last month, producing a deficit on current account of £514m.

Sterling was largely unaffected by the poor trade figures, with the attention of the foreign exchanges focused on developments in the miner's strike and continuing dollar weakness.

The pound gained 1.5 cents against the dollar to close at £1.2225, and two pfennigs against the Deutschemark to DM3.6950. The sterling index rose 0.3 to 74.9.

Sterling was helped by thepit deputies' decision to call off their strike, and by hopes that new talks between the National Coal Board and the National Union of Mineworkers could produce a solution to the 33-week old strike.

Balance of Payments

	Visible balance (£m)	Current account (£m)
1982	+2,384	+5,206
1983	−716	+2,916
1984 Q1	−59	+472
Q2	−1,193	−283
July	−137	+113
August	−568	−318
September	−764	−514

Sources: Department of Trade & Industry

The dollar lost ground on expectations that US interest rates could be reduced futher. The Federal fund rate dropped to 6 per cent, although this was largely for technical reasons.

US consumer prices, up 0.4 per cent last month after 0.5 per cent rise in August, had little impact. The dollar lost 2.2 pfennings against the Deutschemark at DM3.0220, the dollar index fell 0.8 to 140.8.

Imports rose by £103m last month to a new record level of £6,621m. This was in spite of a £166m fall in oil imports. There may have been some bringing forward of imports in expectation of new value-added tax regulations, due next Thursday, which will require the payment of VAT entry, although the effect is unquantifiable.

Exports fell to £5,857m last month, although this still represented the third highest monthly total on record. The drop of £94m from August's record level is accounted for by a return to more normal trade levels, after the August figures were artificially boosted by the recovery from the dock strike.

The surplus on oil, which has been affected by increased imports of fuel oil for use in power stations, rose last month, from £417m to £617m. The September 1984 oil surplus is £105m up on that recorded in September 1983.

City estimates suggest that the miners' strike has produced a £210m-£220m worsening in the oil surplus, and added £30m-£40m a month to coal imports.

Even so, the £250m a month balance of payments cost of the coal strike does not appear to have been a factor in Britain's poorer trade position last month.

Britain's current account has declined from a surplus of £5.2 billion in 1982, through a £2.9 billion surplus last year, to a deficit of £530m in the first nine months of 1984. The Treasury's Budget-time forecast was for a £2 billion surplus this year.

JMB faces legal action says client

By Peter Wilson-Smith
Banking Correspondent

Legal action has been taken against Johnson Matthey Bankers in connexion with charter payments due to shipowners, but allegedly withheld by JMB.

Mr Mahmoud Sipra, a client of JMB and whose interests include shipping, said yesterday that the legal action was connected with payments due on vessels chartered by his company Bulk Ferts to carry grain from the US to Iraq.

Mr Sipra said that certain owners of vessels who have been on time charter to his company had taken out an injunction against JMB.

The Bank of England, which took over JMB to save it from collapse, refused to comment on the question of withheld payments yesterday.

JMB holds charges over a number of Mr Sipra's ships as security for facilities. Mr Sipra said yesterday that his involvement with JMB was "on a fairly broad scale" but was secured in most cases.

"We have no defaults. No loans have been cancelled," he added. Negotiations between the clearing banks and the Bank of England over their £50m share in the £100m package of indemnities being arranged were still dragging on yesterday.

Other groups being asked to contribute have heard nothing from the Bank of England for two weeks now. Members of the gold ring, who agreed early on to a £30m contribution, wrote last week to the Bank requesting details about the terms of the indemnities.

There is speculation that a revised capital-raising package for JMB's former parent, Johnson Matthey plc, may emerge shortly. It is expected to meet some of the objections of institutional shareholders

Edwardes in dispute over Dunlop post

By Ian Griffiths

The shake-up of the senior management team at Dunlop Holdings took on another aspect late last night, with a dispute over how Sir Michael Edwardes became a candidate for the job of running the ailing tyre and engineering group.

Earlier, Sir Maurice Hodgson, the Dunlop chairman, said that Sir Michael had approached the company's headhunters to offer his services after the board and the banks involved in putting together the capital reconstruction programme, had agreed on their own candidate for the job of chief executive.

However, last night sources close to Sir Michael said that this was not the case, and that he had been approached by Sir John Trelawny of the headhunters, Goddard Kay Rogers, which was acting on behalf of Dunlop.

The approach was made when Standard Telephone and Cables was taking over ICL, where Sir Michael was then chairman.

The banks were informed of Sir Michael's interest even though the as yet unnamed candidate for the chief executive *job had been agreed*.

Some of the banks are keen to see Sir Michael take the job and the wranglings over the shape of the management team have proved to be an obstacle to agreement on the capital reconstruction package.

Dunlop has been looking for a new chief executive to replace Mr Alan Lord since June, when the banks said they wanted a new man. Sir Maurice would like Mr Lord to carry on as non-executive deputy chairman to ensure a smooth transition.

He sees his own role much as a caretaker chairman to see the company through its reconstruction and reorganization and has completed one year of what he believes is a two year job.

Sir Maurice: need for executive continuity

Sir Maurice said: "I still have the objective that there should be an orderly transfer from the present managing director to the new one in a way which allows the present managing director to continue with his extremely important responsibilities for the transfer of the European tyre business, the future divestments and the deeply involved and essential hand over to his successor."

He added: "If the banks said they would prefer Sir Michael, I would wish we could still do an orderly transition. Whoever is the chief executive, I believe there has to be continuity of key people in the executive group, especially Alan Lord to preside over that transition."

Commenting on Sir Michael, the Dunlop chairman said: "We have differing assessments of the nature of the problem. I am not saying he is necessarily wrong. There is no personal animosity

Most school leavers take factory jobs

By Our Economics Correspondent

Manufacturing industry is still the main source of employment for school leavers, while about one in seven of 16 year olds does not enter employment or Youth Training Scheme on leaving school.

These results, contained in a survey in the latest *Employment Gazette*, are based on a sample of people who reached the age of 16 during 1982-83.

According to the survey 44 per cent remained in full-time education. Of those who left school, 48 per cent joined the YTS, 38 per cent gained jobs *independently of the YTS* and 14 per cent were still unemployed last December.

The 14 per cent figure may understate the true position as the survey response was incomplete

Most job opportunities for school leavers continue to be in the "productive" industries.

Manufacturers provided jobs for 33.2 per cent those who obtained "real" jobs on leaving school, other productive jobs provided work for a further 15.4 per cent.

Services accounted for 26.8 per cent of jobs, and transport and distribution 24.5 per cent.

The survey also examined training available to 16-year olds entering employment. About 40.4 per cent of boys and 44.3 per cent of girls obtained no training at all. 26.4 per cent of boys and 40.8 per cent of girls were offered up to six months training, while 33.1 per cent of boys and 14.8 per cent of girls entered training programmes lasting for more than six months.

Lloyd's to pay fee

Insurance companies are to be charged £3,000 a year for the privilege of being supervised by the Department of Trade and Industry, according to Mr Alex Fletcher, Minister for Corporate and Consumer Affairs, in a written reply to a Parliamentary question yesterday.

The Insurance Companies Act requires the 848 registered companies to file annual returns. Legislation will be introduced to make them pay for doing so. The £3,000 fee would just cover this year's estimated £2.5m public cost of the supervision. Lloyd's will be charged as one body, as it submits one return.

STOCK EXCHANGES

FT-SE 100 Index: 1125.4 down 2.9 (high: 1133.6; low: 1123.1)
FT Index: 868.2 down 1.0
FT Gilts: 80.52 up 0.02
FT All Share: 532.2 up 0.01
Bargains: 16,278
Datastream USM Leaders Index: 101.72 up 0.19
New York: Dow Jones Industrial Average: (latest) 1121.79 down 1.21
Tokyo: Nikkei Dow Jones Index 11,178.63 up 48.68
Hongkong: Hang Seng Index 1,054.31 up 9.15
Amsterdam: 180.9 down 0.9
Sydney: AO Index 747.7 up 5.9
Frankfurt: Commerzbank Index 1082.2 down 8.4
Brussels: General Index 164.33 up 1.13
Paris: CAC Index 181.1 up 2.1

CURRENCIES

LONDON CLOSE

Sterling
Index 74.9 up 0.3 (range 74.9-74.8)
$1.2225 up 1.5 cents
DM 3.6950 up 0.02
FrF 11.3350 up 0.06
Yen 398.50 up 3.0
Dollar
Index 140.8 down 0.8
DM 3.0220 down 0.0220

NEW YORK LATEST

Sterling $1.2265
Dollar DM 3.0235

INTERNATIONAL

ECU £0.605455
SDR £0.824438

INTEREST RATES

Domestic rates:
Bank base rates 10½
Finance houses base rate 11
Discount market loans week fixed 10⅝ - 10½
3 month interbank 10⅝ - 10½

Euro-currency rates:
3 month dollar 10 1/16 - 9 15/16
3 month DM 5 13/16 - 5 13/16
3 month Fr F11 - 10⅞

US rates
Bank prime rate 12.75 - 12.25
Fed funds 8¼
Treasury long bond 107 - 107⅛

ECGD Fixed Rate Sterling Export Finance Scheme IV Average reference rate forinterest period September 5 to October 2, 1984, inclusive: 10.904 per cent.

GOLD

London fixed (per ounce):
am $340.25 pm $340
close $340 - 340.50 (£278.50 - 278.50)
New York (latest): $339.95
Krugerrand* (per coin):
$350 - 351.50 (£286.50 - 287.50)
Sovereigns* (new):
$80 - 81 (£65.50 - 66.25)
*Excludes VAT

NEWS IN BRIEF

Reeves to head bank

Mr Christopher Reeves, deputy chairman and chief executive of Morgan Grenfell & Co., is to succeed the late Mr William Mackworth-Young as chairman.

Mr Reeves, 48, is at present involved in the plans for the firm to merge with Pember and Boyle, the stockbroker.

Morgan Grenfell & Co is the merchant banking subsidiary of Morgan Grenfell Holdings, where Mr Reeves is a director.

● **RIO TINTO-ZINC's** Australian subsidiary, CRA, is joining two German companies – Krupp Stahl and Kloeckner-Werke in a merge of their steelmaking operations.

● *COMPUTER AND SYSTEMS* Engineering is raising £24m through a one-for-five rights issue at 240p a share. Interim profits rose by 70 per cent ot £4.2m for the six months trading to September 30 and the interim dividend goes up from 0.34p to 0.45p.

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● **PRETAX PROFITS** at C. H. Beazer rose by 83 per cent to £11.3m on sales ahead by 86 per cent to £133m for the year to June 30. The dividend rises by 17 per cent to 10.5p

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● **INTERIM PROFITS** at F. J. C. Lilley fell from £6.5m to £4.4m for the six months to July 31 on sales ahead from £111m to £136m. The interim dividend is unchanged at 1.2p.

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US gas boost for Britoil

Britoil is likely to have to pay Amax, the US mining group, a further $10m (£8m) for the 50 per cent interest it acquired in Amax's US oil and gas properties a year ago, Jeremy Warner writes from Paris.

Mr Pierre Gousseland said yesterday that the joint venture's natural gas find in the Gulf of Mexico is so good that it will almost certainly trigger this extra on top of the $83m Britoil has already paid. The Britoil-Amax company has a 20 per cent stake in the offshore block, Timbalier 200. Mr Gousseland said: "We are certain that we have a major gas find on this structure, though I am not at liberty yet to talk about its exact size".

Commodities broker bought by Gerrard

Gerrard & National, the City's big discount house, is to take a 56 per cent stake in Inter Commodities, the commodities and financial futures broker to expand its services before restructuring of London markets.

In a separate move, the Merchant Navy Pension Fund revealed the sale of its 6.75 per cent stake in Union Discount, a close rival of Gerrard among the discount houses, as part of a bid by the fund to scale down its exposure to financial companies.

Inter Commodities, was set up in 1972 by the joint managing directors, Mr Mark Davies and Mr Christopher Sharples. It has been closely linked to Gerrard for the last two years via GNI the joint venture set up to trade as brokers on the London futures market.

Stockbroker told not to act for both sides in bid battle

By Philip Robinson

A High Court injunction was issued yesterday preventing Statham Duff Stoop, the stockbroker, from acting for both sides during a takeover battle.

Atlantic Investment Trust sought the injunction after Mr Vasant Advani's Grovebell Group launched a surprise £5.6m bid for Atlantic.

Statham is stockbroker to both. Atlantic's advisers said last night that the injunction was concerned exclusively with what they perceived as a potential conflict of interest. A spokesman for Statham denied that it was stockbroking for Atlantic, whose managing director, Mr Tony Cole, said: "They have been our brokers since 1983 and it's news to us if they're not now."

Grovebell's formal bid announcement also detailed changes in its own board structure. Mr Advani has invited Mr William 'John' Bishop on to the board and sold him and an associate a maximum 22 per cent of the existing shares.

Mr Bishop was sharply criticezed by the Takeover Panel and in a Department of Trade report in 1978 for his share dealings during a takeover of Grendon Trust, where he was a director.

The report describes Mr Bishop as "irresponsible" and "devious" when he was a witness during the investigation.

Mr Bishop, age 49, a former director of Scottish Investments and Erskine House Investment Trust: said last night: "I accepted the appointment because I am interested in the growth area of financial services. I don't think my past record will deter people from dealing with Grovebell.

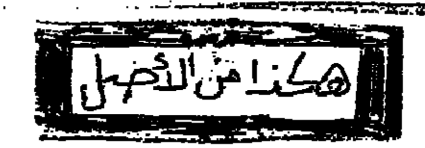
Mr Advani said yesterday: "Mr Bishop has told me that he has been rapped over the knuckles a number of times, but always proved that everthing he did was above board. I'm not condoning his actions, but my overriding consideration must be to secure what is best

Mr Bishop and his associate of 15 years, Mr Michael Baker-Harber, a marine lawyer, have purchased 4 million Grovebell shares at 15p each from Mr Advani, with the option on a further 4 million.

If the share element of the Atlantic offer is taken up in full and the share option is exercised, Mr Advani and Mr Bishop with Mr Baker-Harber will have 12 per cent each.

Grovebell is offering 17 of its own shares for every two Atlantic shares. With Grovebell's price at 17p, it values Atlantic shares at 144½p. Its market price closed at 129p. Grovebell is offering a 127½p cash alternative.

The sharp rise in the Atlantic share price over the past week, moving from 115p to 123p, prompted the exchange to insist on a statement.



Kwik-Fit's interim profit down

By Christopher Dunn

The British spare car parts industry faltered in the early part of this year, according to Mr Tom Farmer, chairman of the Edinburgh-based car accessories concern, Kwik-Fit Holdings, who yesterday announced the group's interim trading results.

Pretax profits fell from £2.4m to £1.8m for the six months to August 31, 1984, on sales of £30.4m (£28.2m). The interim dividend is unchanged at 0.7843p.

Spare parts sales fell during the period, and the replacement car exhaust market was particularly badly affected. Exhaust manufacturers' overcapacity resulted in stock dumping at very low prices, which led in turn, according to Mr Farmer, to intense price competition at the retail level. Total demand for replacement exhausts in Britain may have fallen by as much as 20 per cent.

But Kwik-Fit increased its share of the replacement exhaust market during the period under review.

French Connection with US quadruples profits

By Alison Eadie

French Connection, the fashion company run by Mr Stephen Marks, the designer, porduced interim pretax profits of £3.8m compared with £819,000 on turnover of £17.2m against £7.3m. The shares hit a new peak at 410p but eased back to close at 385p, 5p down on the day. The shares came to the USM only a year ago at 123p.

The impressive growth was fuelled largely by the acquisition of a 50 per cent stake in French Connection's sole United States distributor, Best of All Clothing, which contributed £2.47m to profits and £8.6m to turnover.

The original British and French businesses continued to do well with profits up 67 per cent at £1.37m on turnover up 14 per cent in the United Kingdom and 28 per cent in France.

Growth prospects for the company look best in the United States, where French Connection sells through 1,700 retail accounts. In the United Kingdom, where sales are through 800 retail accounts, the scope is more limited, but a new area of expansion in the spring will be a diversification into children's clothes. Children's wear will be sold through department stores like Harrods and through some smalller stores.



Stephen Marks: new collections well received

Pretax profits in the year to end January 1985 are now expected to reach a heady £11.5m against £3.27m in 1983-84. Expanding turnover in the United States will be augmented by the strong dollar.

However, the tax charge is expected to remain at its higher level of 48 per cent, due to higher United States and French tax, and earnings per share are only expected to double because of the 50 per cent outside holding in Best of All Clothing.

The autumn and winter collections are showing significant success in sales, the company says, and the spring and summer 1985 collections have been well received. There is a strong seasonal bias in turnover towards the second half.

To complement the company's plan for the growth in the British retail business, it has acquired a freehold factory and plant in South Shields, Tyne and Wear, from the receivers of S. Newman. It is intended to develop the factory, which supplies multiples like Mothercare, into an efficient production unit.

New Corah bid wins Reliance

By Alison Eadie

An increased offer from Leicester-based Corah for Reliance Industrial Holdings – which values the company at £2.78m against £2.57m previously – has won the recommendation of the Reliance board.

Both companies are important suppliers of knitwear and clothing to Marks and Spemcer.

Mr Ray Newman, chairman of Reliance, said the logic of Corah's proposals was irrefutable and, given Reliance's trading performance, it was in shareholders' best interests to accept. Reliance's pretax profits slumped in 1983-4 to £89,000, against £524,000 and first-half results this year will be poor.

Corah is short of making up capacity for i ts wxpanding order book, which Reliance can supply. Reliance cloth can also use the spare capacity at Corah's modern dyehouse

Corah's revised bid is three new Corah shares for every five Reliance compared with the previous five-for-nine. The cash alternative is equivalent to 32.4p, against 30p before.

Pensions must break free from their golden shackles

In reply to last week's criticism, Tony Doggart puts the case in favour of portable schemes

Mr Norman Fowler's consultative document on personal pensions is a milestone in pension development – possibly as important as Beveridge – for two fundamental reasons. It recognizes at last the reality of the rapidly-changing world of 1984; and it gives both employers and the employed a framework on which they can build free from the planning blight which has afflicted the pensions industry for too long.

Times have changed since final salary schemes became the norm in the fifties. People change jobs more often, in a society which is itself changing rapidly to compete internationally and to seize the new opportunities of information technology. We can no longer afford to treat pensions as golden shackles.

Many people now need fully portable pensions – not merely the half-way house of revaluation and minimum transfer values. The Fowler document also offers a framework for employers and employees to build on. What matters is that employers now can:

- Offer a portable alternative to high flyers, mobile workers, women seeking career breaks for family reasons and blue collar workers facing a declining earnings towards their retirement.
- Avoid the "blank cheque" risks to their profit and loss account of the final salary approach.
- Involve their workforce more closely in what amounts to their most valuable asset apart from their house.

The employer will be free merely to channel national insurance rebates to the portable schemes of employees who opt out of the main stream final salary scheme. But my own research – based on discussions with a wide range of employers and brokers – strongly suggests that many employers will take a more positive approach. I believe many will:

- Endorse a specific group money purchase scheme and offer a realistic contribution level to it as an alternative – or even replacement – to their mainstream final salary scheme.
- Pitch the contribution level below the aggregate funding cost of a final salary scheme but high enough to attract many employees.
- Promote such a scheme to employees – partly from the self-interest of simplifying administration with a single scheme, partly as a means of maintaining competitive remuneration.

Given these benefits, some employers will jump the Fowler gun by closing their existing final salary schemes to new entrants – or introducing a realistic portable alternative – before the legislation is enacted, probably on January 1, 1987.

Looked at from the employee's point of view the personal pension offers corresponding benefits: an identifiable asset, portability on changing jobs, freedom on retirement to select the best availalbe annuity. Investment freedom also matters, but more as a competitive discipline for institutions offering personal pensions. (In practice, US experience demonstrates that almost all will opt for low-risk alternatives – inflation-beating deposit accounts (while stocks last) or well-spread managed funds.

Only a few will gamble on individual shares, let alone commodities. And, as a practical matter, many people will follow their employer's lead and select a recommended group scheme.

This is far removed from the Wild West picture painted by the pensions establishment of commodity-touting "cowboy" salesmen descending on unsuspecting consumers. Every member of a final salary scheme will have to weigh the benefits of the portable approach against the "certainty" of his employer's final salary scheme. In particular he must decide whether he possesses a crystal ball which tells him:

- How often he will change jobs – 8 out of 10 people change jobs at least once.
- When he will retire.
- What he will earn when he retires – and will his earnings conveniently peak on retirement or, as so often now happens, a decade or more earlier?
- Whether inflation will conveniently remain below the 5 per cent ceiling due to be placed on revalued pensions when he moves job (despite harsh and recent evidence to the contrary).
- Whether his employer's scheme will remain solvent.

If he is an actuary, the answers may be clear. But some of us are less fortunate – and will prefer to control our own pensions destiny by opting for a personal pension.

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INVESTMENT TRUSTS

1984 High	1984 Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
155	119	Aberdeen	156	+1	8.9	4.4	..
88	68	Alva	86	+½	1.9	2.2	..
560	423	Alliance	555	-8	20.7	3.7	..
112	88¼	Amer	112	+1	3.6	3.3	..
282	218	Ang Amer Sec	262	+6	7.8	2.9	..
70	57½	Ang Int	55	● ..	10.0	18.2	..
600	384	Ang Int Ass	465	..	..	..	..
157	115	Ang Scot	155	+1	4.0	2.6	..
388	310	Ashdown	364	..	10.3	2.8	..
141	95	Atlanta	139	+11	1.6	1.2	..
101	75	Atlantic Assets	81	● ..	0.7	0.9	..
81	67	Bankers	81	● +2	3.0b	3.7	..
174	130	Berry	172	..	1.4	0.8	..
148	117	Border & Sthrn	147	..	4.7	3.2	..
92	79	Br Amer Gen	92	..	3.7	4.0	..
183	140½	Br Assets	182	..	8.4b	4.6	..
29	20½	Br Empire Sec	24½	..	1.3	5.3	..
325	281	British Inv	325	..	16.7	5.1	..
68	35	Brunner	68	+1	2.7b	4.0	..
19	7¾	Camellia	217½	..	12.6b	0.7	..
72	60	Charter Agency	72	+1	3.0b	4.2	..
493	416	Continental	493	+5	24.3	4.9	..
171	125	Crescent Japan	157	+1	0.4	0.3	..
370	273	Delta	355	..	..	..	..
94	80	Derby Inc	89	..	9.5	10.2	..
95	80	Do Cap	93	■ ..	..	..	..
287	241	Drayton Cons	264	+2	12.1	4.6	..
137	88	Drayton Far East	122	..	1.2	1.0	..
398	272	Drayton Japan	372	+5	1.4	0.4	..
348	255	Drayton Premier	342	..	16.4	4.8	..
163	140	Dundee Lon	157	..	6.2	4.0	..
208	146	Edin Amer Asset	198	..	1.2	0.6	..
103	87	Edinburgh	99	..	3.7	3.7	..
244	210	Electric Gen	244	+4	4.5	1.8	..
222	192	English Int	212	● +1	8.9	4.2	..
65	52	English Scot	63	..	1.6b	2.6	..
91	69	English NY	91	..	3.3	3.6	..
84	60	F & C Alliance	81	..	2.3	2.8	..
167	117	F&C Pacific	145	● +2	5.0b	3.4	..
188	162	Family	184	● ..	9.4	5.1	..
232	194	First Scot Amer	230	..	8.8b	3.7	..
245	178	First Un Gen	190	● ..	8.7	4.6	..
444	342	Fleming American	444	+4	6.1	1.4	..
225	185	Fleming Claver	218	-1	11.1	5.1	..
224	180	Fleming Enterprise	218	..	10.4	4.8	..
315	228	Fleming Far East	312	+2	2.9	0.9	..
528	380	Fleming Japan	528	● +18	4.3	0.8	..
107	90	Fleming Mercantile	105	..	4.0	3.8	..
110	82	Fleming Overseas	110	■ +1	3.3b	3.0	..
150	119½	Fleming Tech	148	..	3.1	2.1	..
284	215	Fleming Universal	264	● +2	9.8	3.7	..
122	99	For Col	122	+1	3.6b	2.9	..
108	82	Frost (JJ & D)	84	..	4.0	4.8	..
175	120	GT Japan	167	● ..	2.0	1.2	..
530	488	General Funds	530	+7	12.9	2.4	..
232	164	General Cons	232	+7	12.0	5.2	..
104	77	Glasgow Stock	101	+1	2.6	2.6	..
247	197	Globe	236	● +1	12.9	5.4	..
215	178	Greenfriar	196	..	1.9	1.0	..
220	167½	Gresham House	175	..	5.7	3.3	..
139	114	Hambros	137	..	5.3	3.9	..
225	187	Hill (P)	224	+1	11.8	5.3	..
486	380	Invest-in Success	478	+5	7.8	1.6	..
205	182	Inv Cap	206	+1	5.1	2.5	..
64½	43	Japan Assets Keep	64½	+1	0.1	0.1	..
294	215	Lake View	292	+5	6.4	2.2	..
153	130	Law Debenture	151	+2	7.1b	4.7	..
88	64	Lon Merchant Sec	66	● ..	2.6	4.0	..
95	71	Lon Trust	95	+1	3.9	4.1	..
87	70	Merchants	85	+1	4.0b	4.7	..
145	121	Monks	145	+1	3.4	2.4	..
103½	85	Murray Income	99	-1	6.4	6.5	..
85	67	Murray Growth	85	..	..	..	..
109	86	Murray Intl	109	..	..	..	..
168	122	Murray Small	159	+1	3.3	2.2	..
280	225	Murray Venture	257	● ..	6.5	2.4	..
345	303	New Court	328	+3	19.6	6.0	..
73	58	New Darien Oil	71	+4	0.4e	0.5	..
170	139	1928	161	● ..	7.9	4.9	..
43	34	Nthrog Inc 83	38	+½	3.2	8.4	..
259	258	New Tokyo	259	+7	..	..	..
277	222	Nth Atlantic Sec	277	..	4.3	1.5	..
138	108	Nth Sea Assets	125	..	0.7	0.6	..
244	209	Nthn Amer	243	..	7.7	3.2	..
119	97	Outwich	119	..	3.7	3.1	..
35	24	Personal Assets	28	..	0.6	2.0	..
285	243	Raeburn	284	..	12.0	4.2	..
114	93	River & Merc	110	..	6.4	5.8	..
187	158	River Plate	187	..	9.3b	5.0	..
169	138	Robeco	168	-1	..	..	..
157	127	Rolinco	155	-1	..	..	..
224	185	Romney	222	..	6.3	2.8	..
10½	8½	Rorento	£10¼	-⅛	..	..	..
274	207	St Andrews	274	..	10.0	3.6	..
237	191	Scottish	237	+1	6.7	2.8	..
206	174	Scot American	202	● -2	7.2	3.5	..
142	117	Scot Eastern	141	● -1	5.0	3.5	..
338	270	Scot Mtge	337	-1	9.7b	2.9	..
202	168	Scot Nat	200	+1	5.7	2.9	..
117	92½	Scot Ntn	113	● ..	4.7	4.1	..
330	265	Scot Merc 'A'	330	..	11.0	3.3	..
489	384	Secnd Alliance	486	..	17.9	3.7	..
103	84	Sec Of Scotland	101	+1	6.3b	5.2	..
66	51	Smaller Cps	61	..	2.2	3.6	..
38	32½	Stewart Enterp	35	..	0.6	1.8	..
117	93	Stockholders	116	..	2.9	2.5	..
111	75	Tr Australia	95	+2	2.6	2.7	..
73	59	Tr City Of Lon Dfd	71	● +1	4.4b	6.2	..
139	121	Tr Ind & Gen	139	+1	4.5	2.2	..
280	201	Tr Natural Res	229	..	10.7	4.7	..
176	130	Tr North America	172	+1	4.9	2.8	..
273	192	Tr Pacific Basin	235	+7	2.9b	1.1	..
133	107	Tr Property	131	..	4.5	3.4	..
85	69	Tr Tech	84	+1	2.4	2.8	..
118	98	Tr Trustees	117	+1	4.9	4.2	..
102	85	Temple Bar	100	..	8.2b	8.2	..
197	160	Throgmorton	191	+2	9.3	4.9	..
273	211	Throg Secured Cap	255	..	..	..	..
149	123	Trans Oceanic	145	+1	4.3	2.9	..
100	80	Tribune	100	+1	2.8	2.8	..
81	67½	Triplevest Inc	75½	● ..	12.4	16.5	..
182	153	US Debenture	177	..	9.3	5.3	..
95	75	Viking Resource	85	+1	1.4	1.7	..
76	53	Westpool	66	● ..	2.0	3.0	..
98	60	Winterbottm Enrgy	97	● +4	1.0	1.0	..
135	109½	Witan	133	+2	3.6	2.7	..
242	207	Yeoman	242	+3	11.7	4.8	..

WALL STREET

New York (AP-Dow Jones) – Wall Street stocks turned lowerin slower trading yesterday.

The Dow Jones industrial average was down 1.44 points at 1211.57 in early trading.

Declining issues lead advances by about 575 issues to 540.

International Business Machines at 126 7-8 was up 1-2; General Motors at 1-8 was up 1-4; General Electric at 57 1-4 was unchanged; Texas Instruments at 132 5-8 was down 1-8; Eastman Kodak at 72 5-8 was unchanged; American Express at 37 1-4 was up 1-4 and Digital Equipment at 102 3-4 was up 1 1-8.

Textron was up 6 1-4 to 42 1-2. Chicago Pacific offered to buy all Textron's common stock a $43 a share, but Textron said the offer was "completely unacceptable".

Penn Central was down 3-8 at 45 5-8, Morton Thiokol was up 1 1-2 to 88.

	Oct 23	Oct 22
AMF Inc	16½	16½
AMR	30¼	31¼
Allied Corp	34	34½
Allied Stores	52¼	53
Allis Chalmers	8	8
Alcoa	34¾	35½
Amax Inc	18¼	18¾
Amerada Hess	25	25¼
Am Brands	63½	64¼
Am Brdcast	63¼	63
Am Can	49¾	49¼
Am Cyanamid	50¼	50
Am Elec Power	20	20½
Am Home	49¼	49¾
Am Motors	4¾	4¾
Am Nat Res	35½	35½
Am Standard	33¼	31¾
Am Telephone	18½	18¾
Armco Steel	10¼	10¾
Asarco	22	22¼
Ashland Oil	27¾	27¾
Atlantic Richfield	46¾	46
Avco	37¼	38¼
Avon Products	23¼	23¼
Bankers Tst NY	52¾	53¼
Bank of America	19	18¾
Bank of Boston	38¼	38¾
Bank of NY	33¼	33
Beatrice Foods	30½	29¾
Bethlehem Steel	17½	17¾
Boeing	57¼	58
Boise Cascade	41	41¼
Borden	61¼	61¾
Borg Warner	21¾	21¾
Bristol Myers	47¾	48
BP	23½	22¾
Burlington Ind	25¾	25¾
Burlington Nthn	48	48¼
Burroughs	55¼	55
Campbell Soup	70¼	70¾
Canadian Pacific	36	36
Caterpillar	32¾	31¼
Celanese	76¾	76
Central Soya	14¼	14¾
Chase Manhat	43¾	43¾
Chem Bank NY	30¼	30¾
Chevron	32¾	32¾
Chrysler	31¼	32½
Citicorp	35¼	35¼
Clark Equip	28¼	28¾
Coca Cola	64¼	64¼
Colgate	24¼	25¼
CBS	70¼	70
Columbia Gas	31	30¾
Combustion Eng	31¼	31¼
Comwlth Edison	27¾	27¾
Cons Edison	30	29¾
Cons Foods	34	33¾
Cons Power	4¾	4¾
Continental Grp	38	38
Control Data	30¼	30¾
Corning Glass	64¾	64
CPC Intl	37¼	36¼
Crane	34	33¾
Crocker Intl	23¾	23¾
Crown Zeller	29¼	29¾
Dart & Kraft	83	83
Deere	30¾	30¾
Delta Air	36¼	37¾
Detroit Edison	15	15
Digital Equip	101¾	98¼
Disney	58¼	57¾
Dow Chemical	29¾	30
Dresser Ind	19¾	19¼
Duke Power	29¾	29
Du Pont	47¾	47¾
Eastern Air	5¼	5¾
Eastman Kodak	72¾	73¾
Eaton Corp	51¾	51¾
Emerson Elect	70¾	70¾
Evans Prod	5	5
Exxon Corp	41¾	41¾

	Oct 23	Oct 22
Fed Dept Stores	53	53¼
Firestone	18¼	18¾
Fst Chicago	20¾	20¾
Fst Intst Bncp	40	40¾
Fst Penn Corp	5¼	5¼
Ford	49¾	50¼
GAF Corp	23¾	23¼
GTE Corp	41¼	42¼
Gen Corp	32¼	33¼
Gen Dynamics	62	64¾
Gen Electric	57¼	57¼
Gen Foods	58¼	58¼
Gen Mills	58¼	57¼
Gen Motors	78¼	79¼
Gen Pub Util NY	11¼	11½
Genesco	6¼	6¼
Georgia Pacific	23¼	23¾
Gillette	52¾	52¼
Goodrich	27¾	28¼
Goodyear	27¾	27¾
Gould Inc	23¼	22
Grace	42¾	43¼
Gt Atlc & Pacific	17¼	17¼
Greyhound	23¼	24
Grumman Corp	28¾	28¾
Gulf & West	29¼	29¾
Heinz H. J.	42¾	42¾
Hercules	34¼	34¾
Honeywell	59¾	59¾
IC Inds	26	26¼
Ingersoll	41¼	42
Inland Steel	23¼	22¾
IBM	126⅞	125¾
Int Harvester	6¾	6¾
INCO	10¾	10¾
Int Paper	51	51
Int Tel Tel	30	30¼
Irving Bank	38¼	38¼
Jewel Co	72¼	72¾
Jim Walter	29¼	29¼
Johnson & John	33¾	33¼
Kaiser Alumin	13¼	13¾
Kerr McGee	28¾	28¾
Kimberly Clark	48¾	48¾
K Mart	36¼	36¾
Kroger	37¾	37¾
L.T.V. Corp	11¾	11¾
Litton	67¼	67
Lockheed	46¼	46¾
Lucky Stores	17¾	17¼
Manuf Hanover	31	30¾
Manville Cp	6¼	6¼
Mapco	23¼	23¾
Marine Midland	26¾	26¾
Martin Marietta	44¼	44¼
McDonnell	72¾	71¾
Mead	36¾	36¾
Merck	87	86¼
Minnesota Mng	82¼	82¾
Mobil Oil	28¾	28¾
Monsanto	44¾	44¾
Morgan J. P.	73¾	73¾
Motorola	36¼	36¼
NCR Corp	26	26¾
NL Industries	12¼	12
Nabisco	51¾	51¾
Nat Distillers	26¾	27¾
Nat Med Ent	23¼	23¾
Norfolk South	56¼	56¾
NW Bancorp	26¼	26¾
Occidental Pet	29	28¾
Ogden	35¼	35¾
Olin Corp	26¾	26¾
Owens-Illinois	39¾	39¾
Pacific Gas Elec	15¼	15¼
Pan Am	5¾	5¾
Penney J. C.	53¾	54¼
Pennzoil	41¼	40¼
Pepsico	43¾	43¼
Pfizer	36¼	36
Phelps Dodge	14¾	14¾
Philip Morris	80¼	80¼

	Oct 23	Oct 22
Phillips Petrol	39¼	38¾
Polaroid	27¼	27
PPG Ind	34¼	35
Procter Gamble	57¼	57¾
Pub Ser El & Gas	25¾	25¾
Raytheon	42	41¾
RCA Corp	39¼	39¼
Reynolds Ind	68¼	68¾
Reynolds Metal	32	32¼
Rockwell Int	29¾	29¾
Royal Dutch	48¼	48¼
Safeways	26¼	26¾
St Regis Paper	36¼	36¾
SFE Sopac	36¾	36¾
SCM	41¾	41¾
Schlumberger	41	41
Scott Paper	31	31
Seagram	37¼	37¾
Sears Roebuck	32¾	33¼
Shell Oil	56	56¼
Shell Trans	31¼	30¾
Signal Co	31¼	31¼
Singer	30¾	32¼
Smithkline Beck	56¼	57¼
Sony	16¼	16⅜
Sth Cal Edison	23	23¼
Sperry Corp	38	37¾
Std Oil Indiana	56	56¼
Std Oil Ohio	45¼	44¾
Sterling Drug	27¼	27¼
Stevens J. P.	17	17
Sun Comp	46	45¾
Teledyne	277¾	274¾
Tenneco	38	35¾
Texaco	33¼	33¼
Texas East Corp	28¾	28¼
Texas Inst	132¼	131¾
Texas Utilities	26¼	26¾
Textron	36	33¼
TWA	31¼	31
Travelers Corp	36¼	37¼
TRW Inc	73¼	73¾
UAL Inc	42¼	42¾
Union Carbide	49¾	49¾
Unocal	36¼	36¾
Un Pacific Corp	38¾	38¾
Uniroyal	15¼	15
United Brands	14¼	14¼
US Steel	22¾	22¾
Utd Technol	39	39¾
Wachovia	27¼	28
Warner Comms	21	20¾
Warner Lambert	33¼	33¾
Wells Fargo	45¾	45¾
Westnghse Elec	27¼	27¾
Weyerhaeuser	28¾	29¼
Whirlpool	45¼	43¾
Woolworth	37	36¾
Xerox Corp	36¼	37¼
Zenith	25¼	23¾
Canadian Prices		
Abitibi	29¼	29¾
Alcan Alumin	30¼	37¼
Algoma Steel	21¼	21¼
Bell Telephone	34¼	34¼
Can Pacific	47¼	47¼
Cominco	15¼	15¼
Cons Bathurst	15¼	15
Gulf Oil	17¼	17¼
Hawker/Sid Can	18¼	19
Hudson Bay Mng	20¾	7¼
Imasco	42¾	41¾
Imperial Oil	41¼	40¾
Int Pipe	31¼	31¼
Mass.-Fergsn	3.75	3.70
Royal Trustco	32¼	32
Seagram	49¼	49¼
Steel Co	21¼	21¼
Thomson N 'A'	46¼	46¼
Walker Hiram	34	34
WCT	13¼	13

● Ex div. a Asked. c Ex distribution. h Bid. k Market closed. n New issue. p Stock split. t Traded. y Unquoted.

NEWS IN BRIEF

● NEW LONDON PROPERTIES: Interim results for half year to June 30. Interim dividend 6p (6p). (Figures in £000s): Turnover 2,642 (2,245). Net revenue from all sources 1,299 (1,184). Interest payable 155 (19). Pretax profit 1,143 (1,165). Tax 526 (606).

MANDERS (HOLDINGS): Agreement has been concluded for Manders to acquire the assets and business of the industrial division of Blundeel. The division is based on a site of nearly three acres at Tyseley, Birmingham, and supplies industrially applied paints and powder coatings for metal and wood surfaces. The consideration is about £1.8m and may be adjusted upwards or downwards by a maximum of £100,000 depending on sales achieved in the year to Oct 31 next.

● J BILLAM: Half-year to June 30. Intm Div 1.4p (same). T over £803,600 (£973,756). Pretax loss £68,995 (£11,210 loss). The board reports that the group is in a much sounder financial position than 12 months ago and further progresss is expected over the next two years.

● SI GROUP: Year to June 30. Div L165 (1p), mkg 1.6p, figs in £009. Turnover 11,149 (8,510). Pretax profit 1,488 (1,131). The current performance of the group encourages the board to predict that improved results will continue to be achieved.

● ANGLO INDONESIAN CORP: Half-year to June 30 (comparisons adjusted). Interim dividend 2p (1p). Figs in £000. Takeover 15,177 (12,995). Pretax profit 1,949 (276). Tax 473 (96). The board explains that the continued improvement in profits reflects higher tea prices, strong demand for agricultural tools in Brazil and steady progress in the performance of the British engineering businesses. The outlook for the remainder of the year appears reasonable.

● ADWEST GROUP: The chairman, Mr Frank Waller, says in his annual report: "Our main improvement has resulted from internal reorganization, restructuring and capital investment. We look forward to the present year with confidence, although in certain industries there are signs that the improvement we have noted in the last year is slowing".

● GREENBANK INDUSTRIAL HOLDINGS: Half-year to June 30. Intm div 0.8p (0.8p). Figs in £000. Sales 5,208 (6,449). Pretax profit 416 (605). The board explains that in spite of the coal strike, the order intake through the year was much increased and should result in satisfactory profits in the second half year. This rate of increase will allow Greenbank to enter 1985 with an order book more in line with historic levels.

● HIGH-POINT SERVICES: Year to May 31. Figures in £000. T/over 4,248 (3,623). Pretax profit 717 (581). Dividend: 1.5p.

● CASTLE (GB): Final dividend 1.78p, making 2.9p – a 16 per cent increase for the year to July 27. Figures in £000. Sales 16,323 (13,914). Pretax profit 1,462 (1,192). The board reports that, for the first 11 weeks of the current year, sales are satisfactorily ahead of the corresponding period last year. It is confident that the group will continue to prosper and looks forward to future growth.

● WILLIAMS HOLDINGS is to dispose of four Iveco truck dealerships, together with the associated properites, to Iveco (UK) Limited. A consideration of £375,000 cash has been received by Williams, for the properties and fixed assets of the four depots. In addition, Williams will be liquidating the working capital of the business during the next few months and it is expected that his will realise about £500,000. The proceeds of the disposal will be used to reduce the group's short-term borrowings.

STOCK MARKET REPORT

STC tumbles as Scrimgeour trims profit forecast by £5m

By Derek Pain

Shares of Standard Telephones and Cables, the telecommunications group, slumped to within 10p of their year's low yesterday as Scrimgeour Kemp-Gee, the broker reduced its profit forecasts.

There was heavy selling of the shares, pushing the price down 14p to 266p, as Scrimgeour pulled back its profit projection for this year to £117m and next year to £180m. In each case the revision represents a £5m cut.

The downgrading, although modest, is a further example of the stock market's growing unease over STC's shares. The £411m takeover of ICL, Britain's leading computer group, was achieved by a share exchange and left many weak holders of STC stock.

Phillips & Drew, the broker, remains optimistic about Exco Internatinal, the financial group, after a City lunch this week. Mr John Aitken, a P & D analyst, believes this year's profits will be more than £70m (£32.5m) and next year's results will top £90m. Exco shares rose 5p to 498p.

There is also the nagging worry that ITT, the big American conglomerate, will soon have to sell about 3 per cent of STC to comply with the Government's requirement that its holding in the merged STC/ICL company should be held at 24 per cent.

Evidence is also accumulating that City analysts are becoming increasingly less impressed by STC's prospects. Sentiment was not helped this month when it became known that STC was not in the running for the British Telecom contract for digital local exchanges.

At one stage this year STC shares were riding at a 372p peak.

Equities had started the day in fine style, seemingly determined to build on Tuesday's 11.7 points advance. But there was little buying follow through. So the FT 30-share index, at one time a seemingly decisive 7.8 points higher at 875.0 points, closed 1 point down at 866.2 points.

It was much the same story with the FT-SE index, which ended 2.9 points down at 1,125.4 points.

Various factors caused the market's enthusiasm to wane. Although Nacods, the pit deputies' union, eventually called off tomorrow's strike, Mr Arthur Scargill, the NUM president, had already dampened enthusiasm with his uncompromising comments *ahead of the meeting with the* Nationsl Coal Board.

The poor September trade figures were another inhibiting influence. Government stocks enjoyed a firm start, helped by a much stronger performance by sterling against the dollar and lower US interest rates. But gains at one time reistering up to £¼ were eliminated in late trading and the market closed with losses of up to £¼.

Imperial Chemical Industries, ahead of today's eagerly awaited third quarter figures, eased 2p to 670p. **Trusthouse Forte** was a little unsettled by a *line of stock on offer and closed* 1p lower at 125p.

The market has become too fearful about the impact the miners' strike is having on Cattle's (Holdings), the Hull-based check trader and retailer. Worries that the long-running dispute will sharply reduce profits have lowered the shares 10p to 21p. But group turnover is apparently up on last year and this year's profits could come out similar to last time's £1.9m.

After their recent remarkable progress foods succumbed to profit taking. **Rowntree Mackintosh** fell 6p to 368p as Mr Basil Collins, chairman of Nabisco's British arm, denied bid intentions.

Harris Queensway, at one time 8p higher at 190p, closed at 184p. Mr Philip Harris, chairman, and his associated interests were rumoured to have sold 2 million shares. Mr Harris said shares, many held by charities with which he is associated, had been sold, but he could not confirm the 2 million figure.

Turner & Newall gained 2p to 94p. Mr John Goldschmidt of Laurie, Milbank, the broker, forecast that the price should *reach 130p in the next year.*

He expects profits of £21.5m this year, £32m next year and £40m in 1986.

Ocean Transport and Trading, the shipping group, enjoyed an excited session, jumping 12p *to 122p. Rumours abounded* that an American shipping line was buying shares. It was suggested that it was stake building ahead of a full bid.

Beers were a little stronger with **Bass**, the biggest brewing *group, again achieving a new* high at 408p. It later slipped to 403p.

Belhaven Brewery gained 2p to 34p as a report in *The Times* that the Virani Group was buying a chain of London off-licences was confirmed. Mr Nazmu Virani, who runs the group is chairman of Belhaven and his company has almost 30 per cent of the brewery's shares. *It is intended that the off-licences* will sell Belhaven beers. The shops are being acquired from Grand Metropolitan for about £7m.

Reckitt and Colman's shares gained 1p to 552p today as the market waited for Consolidated Foods of Chicago, the rival bidder for the Australian company Nicholas Kiwi, to counter Reckitt's increased offer.

Nicholas Kiwi said the board would not make a recommendation on Reckitt's revised bid until Consolidated made its intentions known. Consolidated is unlikely to make its reply until next week. Nicholas Kiwi shareholders are due to vote on Consolidated's offer, which received Kiwi board approval, next Wednesday.

The offer document from *Nottingham Manufacturing* for **Johnson Group Cleaners** had no effect on Johnson's share price which remained at 432p. Johnson quickly pointed out that the shares have remained at a substantially higher level than Nottingham's 410p-a-share *offer.*

Expect Epicure Holdings, the construction group created by Mr Reginald Brealey, to pump its American interests, which include a Florida hotel, into a US quoted company. But Epicure profits, due tomorrow, are likely to be below last year's near £1.1m. Epicure shares were unchanged at 32p.

The company will be detailing its reasons for rejecting the bid in the next couple of weeks. They will include the lack of commercial logic, as Johnson sees it, in a manufacturing company taking over a service company in the retail market. Nottingham Manufacturing shares fell 2p to 200p.

Property shares were quiet. **Arlington Securities** has de*clared its intention of seeking a* full listing. Last year it received a £2.9m cash injection through a private placing organized by Morgan Grenfell, the merchant banker, and de Zoete and Bevan, the broker. There are now 30 institutional shareholders.

COMPANY NEWS IN BRIEF

● **VAUX BREWERIES** has agreed to acquire 92 per cent of the ord shares and 74 per cent of the preference shares of John W. Pratt. Vaux has also agreed in principle to acquire the remaining shares on the same terms. Vaux will issue a maximum of 102,600 ord shares as initial consideration for the ord shares and pay a maximum of £8,600 for the preference.

● **LORNEX MINING CORPORATION**: Nine months to Sept 30. Figures in $Can000. Net revenue *146,725 (115,564). Operating loss* 6,130 (7,647 profit). Income and mineral resources taxes, credit, 3,260 (charge, 3,500). Net loss 2,870 (4,147 profit). Loss per share 35 cents (50 cents profit). The board explains that the deterioration from earnings last time to this year's net loss was a result of lower prices for copper and silver. A loss of 932,000 in the third quarter was the result of extraordinary prices for copper.

● **SANGER PHOTOGRAPHICS**: The interim results for the six months ended on August 31 show pretax profits up by 55 per cent to £402,000, while turnover grew from £11.1m to £12.7m. An interim dividend of 0.75p is to be paid and a final dividend of 1.25p is planned, making 2p. The board reports that in spite of difficult market conditions the trading profit rose by 28 per cent and the benefits of the cash raised through the placing resulted in substantial interest savings.

● **BELGRAVE HOLDINGS**: Half-year to June 30. Figs. in £000. Turnover 4,377 (1,317). Pretax profit 752 (18). The board will continue to look for profitable opportunities to enlarge the groups range of activites and is optimistic of reinstating ordinary dividends in the near future.

● **RAMUS HOLDINGS**: Final 3.75p, making 5.25p (5p) for year to July 2. Figs. in £000. Turnover 23,811 (19,217). Pretax profit 687 (621).

RECENT ISSUES

RECENT ISSUES	Closing Price
Addison Comm 2p Ord (116a)	142+3
Alphameric 5p Ord (95a)	110
Appledore A & P 10p Ord (87)	87
Brit Bloodstock Ag 25p Ord (165a)	220+2
Checkpoint Europe 25p Ord (a)	205
Comp Fin Sers 5p Ord (85a)	84
Fergabrook Grp 20p Ord (74a)	103+1
Gaunt R 25p Ord (50a)	50
Hawtal Whiting 5p Ord (197a)	223+3
Hoggett Bowers 5p Ord (47a)	45
Iceland Frozen Food 10p Ord (210)	349−3
Ind Scot Energy £1 Ord (a)	135−5
Jaguar 25p Ord (165)	199−4
Oldacre Hldgs 20p Ord	93
Paul Michael L'wear 5p Ord (30a)	31
Scanro Hldgs 50p Ord (105a)	148
Second Market Inv 5p Ord (10)	11½
Stone International 20p Ord (125)	144−4
T & S Stores 5p Ord (a)	96
Trade Promotion 10p Ord (75a)	75
Wates City of Lon Prop 25p Ord (100)	106

Issue price in parentheses a Unlisted Securities. * by tender.

TEMPUS

Strong Case for £24m expansion cash call

It is a brave company which asks its shareholders to dig into their pockets to the tune of £24m only six months after it had called on them for £23m but this is exactly what Computer and Systems Engineering (Case) has done.

However, such is the company's standing in the City that the one-for-five rights issue announced yesterday will cause few eyebrows to be raised and most investors will welcome the chance to increase their stake in the company, particularly at the 240p asking price, *47p below yesterday's close.*

Any doubts there might have been were washed away by the impressive interim results which accompanied the rights announcement. Pretax profits increased from £2.5m to £4.2m *and estimates for the full year* were promptly revised upwards to about £11m.

The figures were flattered by the inclusion of the results from Rixon, to the US subsidiary acquired in May, for *the full half* year and for the comparatives. Case has adopted merger accounting principles which allow this treatment and also keep goodwill out of the balance sheet. Rixon contributed £1.4m, a 28 per cent advance in dollar terms, while Britain's £2.8m profits were 90 per cent ahead.

It is this rapid growth which has forced the company to make its cash call. Working capital requirements are running ahead of cash generated by the business and the company estimated that the £24m it raises will be sufficient for at least the next two years.

With a foothold in the important US market established through Rixon, thgroup is keen to expand its activities there. The traditional Case products are now being integrated into Rixon and the weakness of sterling offers a big price advantage.

A stronger pound might take some of the edge off the progress overseas but with gross margins up by 3 per cent *to 44.5 per cent the outlook* remains good. An increased tax charge will depress the earnings per share, but at 287p down 10p the shares still represent very good value.

Beazer

Most of the numbers this year at Beazer have a satisfying ring. Pretax profits are ahead by 83 per cent; earnings have improved by a fifth and the dividend is up by 17 per cent. In the group's main business, housebuilding, unit sales rose by a quarter to 2,000 homes.

In theory, the share price ought to have fallen after such sparkling figures, on the grounds that it was all discounted anyway, as the spending cycle apparently peaks. Yet the share moved ahead, putting on 8p to 356p.

The group's specialist defence *interests* have been floated off, to guarantee access to outside capital if necessary, and quasi-independence.

Beazer is plainly planning to use the same technique to capitalize its ancillary engineering *interests* by *injecting* Beazer Engineering into Braham Millar.

The group's housebuilding side is still booming, and scheduled sales of 2,500 this year, plus a four-year land bank, point to an attractive combination of hard work and forward planning.

Yet the group still has plans to expand its British coverage, especially in the North of England and Scotland. Hence the lapsed bid for William Leech, where Beazer still holds 17 per cent. A second approach, or an alternative bid elsewhere cannot be ruled out.

But Beazer is keen to scale *down its dependence on the* cyclical earnings pattern in housebuilding. MP Kent appears for this reason, because a successful outcome to the *£33m offer* takes the group into commercial and retail property.

Endless permutations are possible here, because of Kent's near-20 per cent stake in the construction group, Bath and Portland.

Beazer can keep growing for some time using its clever formula of marrying real asset trading with financial sophistication. An historic price-earnings ratio of 9 is undemanding.

F J C Lilley

F J C Lilley, the ambitious and highly-rated Glasgow engineering company, shocked the *market* yesterday with a £2m fall to £4.5m in interim profits. A 10p fall in the share price to 60p measures the scale of disappointed expectations.

Lilley has spent the last few years building up a world engineering business, and has been especially shrewd in the United States buys – American sales are worth up to 40 per cent of turnover. Thus the fall implies that Lilley has overreached itself. An £800,000 slip *into the red on interest payable* looks quite ominous.

Lilley acknowledges that it has run into problems in four specific areas: slow lets on property development; start-up delays in Cairo; completion difficulties in Nigeria; and a contracts wrangle in the United States.

However, the group also stresses that the bunching of these problems is an accident of timing. Full, perhaps even excessive, provisions of possibly £2m have been made against the troublesome contracts. An unequivocal statement that the final dividend is protected sounds like an *expression of confidence.*

FOREIGN EXCHANGES

Sterling had a good day on foreign exchange markets yesterday.

The decision by Nacods late in the day to call off their strike and hopes that new talks between the NCB and NUM may settle the pit dispute helped the pound to recover some of its lost ground.

A weak dollar was also instrumental in underpinning sterling.

At the end of a relatively quiet session the pound finished the day showing a one and a half cent rise against the dollar at $1.2225, while its trade-weighted index moved forward 0.3 at the final calculation of 74.9, compared with 74.6 on Tuesday.

STERLING SPOT and FORWARD RATES

	Market rates day's range October 24	Market rates close October 24	1 month	3 months
New York	$1.2150-1.2230	$1.2220-1.2230	0.10-0.07c prem	0.10-0.07c prem
Montreal	$1.5975-1.6085	$1.6075-1.6085	0.14-0.20c disc	0.45-0.52c disc
Amsterdam	4.1468-4.1825fl	4.1650-4.1750fl	1½-1¼c prem	4⅝-4¼c prem
Brussels	74.40-74.90f	74.65-74.75f	1 prem-3c disc	2-10c disc
Copenhagen	13.3250-13.3800k	13.3425-13.3525k	¼-1¼ore disc	3¾-4¼ore disc
Frankfurt	3.6752-3.7050m	3.6900-3.7000m	1⅝-1½pf prem	4½-4pf prem
Lisbon	197.60-199.66e	198.20-199.60e	165-480c disc	470-1400c disc
Madrid	207.10-208.00p	207.80-208.00p	40-60p disc	145-148p disc
Milan	2281.20-2296.75lr	2287.25-2289.25lr	9-12lr disc	29-33lr disc
Oslo	10.7050-10.7550k	10.7250-10.7350k	2¼-3ore disc	6¾-7¾ore disc
Paris	11.2780-11.3475f	11.33-11.34f	¼ prem-¼c disc	1-2¼c disc
Stockholm	10.49-10.54k	10.52-10.53k	2¼-3¼ore disc	7¼-8ore disc
Tokyo	296.98-298.75y	298.25-298.75y	1½-1¼y prem	3-2¾y prem
Vienna	25.89-26.01sch	26.92-26.97sch	7¼-6½gro prem	19¾-16½gro prem
Zurich	3.0227-3.0450f	3.0350-3.0450f	1½-1¼c prem	4-3⅞c prem
Dublin	1.1912-1.1969p	1.1955-1.1965p	7-24p disc	62-77p disc

Sterling index compared with 1975 was up 0.3 at 74.9 (day's range 74.8-74.8).

DOLLAR SPOT RATES

Ireland	1.0250-1.0265
Singapore	2.1620-2.1650
Malaysia	2.3980-2.4050
Australia	0.8490-0.8500
Canada	1.3150-1.3155
Sweden	8.6030-8.6150
Norway	8.7750-8.7850
Denmark	10.9200-10.9300
West Germany	3.0225-3.0335
Switzerland	2.4845-2.4865
Netherlands	3.4115-3.4136
France	9.2750-9.2850
Japan	244.00-244.10
Italy	1872-1874
Belgium(Comm)	61.08-61.13
Hong Kong	7.8220-7.8250
Portugal	162-164
Spain	170.00-170.30
Austria	21.20-21.25

Rates Supplied by Barclays Bank HOFEX and Extel

OTHER £ RATES

Australia	1.4387-1.4417
Bahrein	0.4570-0.4610
Finland	7.5550-7.5950
Greece	151.15-153.15
Hongkong	9.5645-9.5661
Iran	n.a.
Kuwait	0.3635-0.3675
Malaysia	2.9291-2.9402
Mexico	225-250
New Zealand	2.4979-2.5052
Saudi Arabia	4.3165-4.3565
Singapore	2.6408-2.6468
South Africa	2.1638-2.1695

EURO-$ DEPOSITS

(%) calls 10¼-9¼; seven days 9⅞-9⅝; one month 9⅞-9¾; three months 10⅟₁₆-9¹⁵⁄₁₆; six months 10⅜-10¼.

MONEY MARKETS

Signs that the pit deputies might, at the 11th hour, call off their strike threat prompted a lively start in the periods.

Early optimism about base rate prospects – boosted additionally by easing rates across the Atlantic – saw buyers picking up paper as low as 10 19/32 per cent in the 'ones' 10 7/16 per cent in 'threes', 10 5/16 per cent in 'sixes', and 10⅛ per cent in the one year.

But activity gradually died away and rates edged off

Clearing Banks Base Rate 10½

Discount Mkt Loans%

Overnight: High 10½ Low 8

Week Fixed: 10⅝-10½

Treasury Bills(Dis%)

Buying	Selling
2 months 10 5/32	2 months 10⅛
3 months 10	3 months 9 15/16

Prime Bank Bills(Dis%)/Trades(Dis%)

1 month 10 15/32-10⅜	1 month 11⅛
2 months 10 7/32-10⅛	2 months 10 27/32
3 months 10 1/32-10	3 months 10 21/32
6 months 9 27/32-9 25/32	6 months 10 15/32

Local Authority Bonds

1 month 11-10⅞	7 months 10⅞-10⅝
2 months 10⅞-10¾	8 months 10⅞-10⅝
3 months 10⅞-10¾	9 months 10⅞-10⅝
4 months 10⅞-10¾	10 months 10⅞-10⅝
5 months 10⅞-10¾	11 months 10⅞-10⅝
6 months 10⅞-10¾	12 months 10⅞-10⅝

Secondary Mkt. £CD Rates(%)

1 month 10 11/16-10 9/16	6 months 10½-10 7/32
3 months 10⅝-10½	12 months 10¼-10⅛

Local Authority Market(%)

1 day 10½	3 months 10⅝
7 days 10½	6 months 10½
1 month 10½	1 year 10½

Interbank Market(%)

Overnight: open 10⅞ Close 10½

1 week 10⅞-10¾	6 months 10½-10⅜
1 month 10 11/16-10 9/16	9 months 10 5/16-10 3/16
3 months 10⅝-10½	12 months 10⅜-10¼

First Class Finance Houses(Mkt.Rate%)

3 months 10⅝ 6 months 10½

Finance House Base Rate 11

COMMODITIES

LONDON COMMODITY PRICES

Rubber in £'s per tonne; Coffee, cocoa, sugar in £'s per metric ton; Gasoil in US$ per metric ton.

RUBBER	
Nov	610-60
Dec	610-70
Jan	620-80
Feb	630-85
Mar	640-95
Apr	645-00
May	660-10
Jun	665-20
Jul	675-35
Jan-Mar	645-00
Apr-Jun	660-15
Jul-Sep	690-45
SUGAR	
Dec	137.20-137.80
Mar	155.60-153.80
May	160.40-160.80
Aug	169.40-170.00
Oct	176.60-177.00
Dec	195.60-184.40
Mar	198.60-199.20
Vol	1679
COCOA	
Oct	2300-00
Dec	1916-15
Mar	1887-86
May	1892-91
July	1900-98
Sep	1902-01
Dec	1877-76
Mar	1880-71
Vol	3,227
COFFEE	
Nov	2500-2495
Jan	2319-17
Mar	2235-31
May	2215-10
Jul	2210-08
Sep	2203-2198
Nov	2205-2196
Vol	3,208
GAS OIL	
Oct	228.75-28.00
Nov	232.00-31.75
Dec	235.25-35.00
Jan	236.75-35.25
Feb	233.75-33.00
Mar	227.75-25.00
Apl	226.00-25.00
Vol	3,565

LONDON METAL EXCHANGE

Unofficial prices: Official turnover figures.

Prices in pounds per metric ton. Silver in pence per troy ounce.

Rudolf Wolff & Co. Ltd. report

COPPER HIGH GRADE	
Cash	1049.00-1050.00
Three months	1074.50-1075.50
T.O.	8,125
Tone: Steady.	
STANDARD CATHODES	
Cash	1843.00-1049.00
Three months	1070.00-1072.00
T.O.	125
Tone: Quiet	
TIN STANDARD	
Cash	9690-9700
Three months	9665-9670
T.O.	705
Tone: Steady	
TIN HIGH-GRADE	
Cash	9700-9710
Three months	9690-9700
T.O.	nil
Tone: Idle.	
LEAD	
Cash	346.00-347.00
Three months	353.00-354.00
T.O.	5250
Tone: Steady	
ZINC STANDARD	
Cash	641.00-642.00
Three months	636.50-637.00
T.O.	11,200
Tone: Firmer	
ZINC HIGH GRADE	
Cash	690.00-692.00
Three months	680.00-682.00
T.O.	Nil
Tone: Idle.	
SILVER LARGE	
Cash	600.0-610.0
Three months	616.0-616.5
T.O.	42
Tone: Barely Steady	
SILVER SMALL	
Cash	600.0-601.0
Three months	616.0-616.5
T.O.	Nil
Tone: Idle.	
ALUMINIUM	
Cash	883.50-884.00
Three months	909.00-910.00
T.O.	18,300
NICKEL	
Cash	3935-3940
Three months	4015-4018
T.O.	786
Tone: Easier	

LONDON GOLD FUTURES MARKET

In US $ per oz.

Dec	343.60-343.70
Vol	118
Tone: Quiet.	

LONDON INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL FUTURES

Rudolf Wolff Financial Services Ltd.

Mnth	Vol	Setlmt
YEN		
Dec'84	390	4117
Mar'85	-	-
Jun'85	-	-
Comment: Firmer.		
STERLING		
Dec'84	49	1.2222
Mar'85	2	1.2232
Jun'85	-	1.2254
Comment: Better.		
D-MARK		
Dec'84	332	3327
Mar'85	2	3365
Jun'85	-	-
Comment: Slightly stronger		
SWISS FRANC		
Dec'84	2	4043
Mar'85	-	-
Jun'85	-	-
Comment: Quiet		
EURODOLLARS		
Dec'84	5157	8956
Mar'85	570	8918
Jun'85	229	8885
Sep'85	9	8863
Dec'85	-	8823
Comment: Mixed		
SHORT STERLING		
Dec'84	1613	8954
Mar'85	163	8986
Jun'85	17	8965
Sep'85	12	8945
Comment: Steady		
T-BONDS		
Dec'84	2560	7028
Mar'85	-	7004
Jun'85	-	-
Comment: Becoming weaker		
GILTS		
Dec'84	3691	10616
Mar'85	36	10531
Jun'85	-	10519
Sep'85	-	10822
Comment: Coming off.		
FTSE		
Dec'84	308	11265
Mar'85	-	11275
Comment: Weakening.		

MEAT AND LIVESTOCK COMMISSION: Average fatstock prices at representative markets on October 24:

GB: Cattle, 94.08p per kg lw (-0.77).

GB: Sheep, 165.07p per kg est d c w (+14.47).

GB: Pigs, 88.15p per kg lw (-1.82).

England and Wales:

Cattle nos. down 0.7 per cent, ave. price, 94.16p (-0.50).

Sheep nos. down 9.2 per cent, ave. price, 165.68p (+14.07).

Pig nos. down 9.2 per cent, ave. price, 88.16p (-1.52).

Scotland:

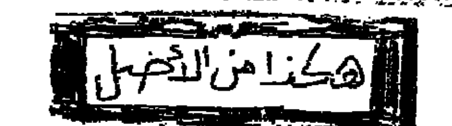
Cattle nos. down 17.5 per cent, ave. price, 93.72p (-1.81).

Base Lending Rates

ABN Bank	10½%
Adam & Company	10½%
Barclays	10½%
BCCI	10½%
Citibank Savings †	11½%
Consolidated Crds	10½%
Continental Trust	10½%
C. Hoare & Co *	10½%
Lloyds Bank	10½%
Midland Bank	10½%
Nat Westminster	10½%
TSB	10½%
Williams & Glyn's	10½%
Citibank NA	10½%

† Mortgage Base Rate.

* 7 day deposits on sums of under £10,000, 7¾%. £10,000 up to £50,000, 8%. £50,000 and over, 8¼%.



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No.	Company	Your gain or loss
	ELECTRICALS	
1	Int Signal & Control	
2	MK Elec	
3	Arlen Elec	
4	Farnell Elect	
5	Micro Focus	
6	Plessey	
7	Cray Elect	
8	Grosvenor	
9	Eurotherm	
10	Bowthorpe	
	INDUSTRIALS A-D	
11	BOC	
12	Ash & Lacey	
13	BTR	
14	Black (Peter)	
15	Bruntons (Mus)	
16	AGB Research	
17	Christies Int	
18	Berisford (SW)	
19	DPCE	
20	Dalgety	
	PROPERTY	
21	Peachey	
22	Brixton	
23	Mucklow (A&J)	
24	Estates Prop	
25	Beazer (CH)	
26	Greycoat City	
27	Chesterfield	
28	Kent (MP)	
29	Hammerson 'A'	
30	Lon Shop Prop	
	BANKS DISCOUNT HP	
31	King & Shaxson	
32	Union	
33	Nat West	
34	Brown Shipley	
35	Bank of Ireland	
36	Lloyds	
37	Hill Samuel	
38	Mercury Secs	
39	Schroders	
40	Gerrard Nat	
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Weekly Dividend

Please make a note of your daily totals for the weekly dividend of £40,000 in Saturday's newspaper.

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	Weekly Total

STOCK EXCHANGE PRICES

Weak at the close

ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings Began, Oct 15. Dealings End, Oct 26. § Contango Day, Oct 29. Settlement Day, Nov 5.
§ Forward bargains are permitted on two previous days.

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DAILY DIVIDEND
£2,000
Claims required for +48 points
Claimants should ring 0254-53272

BRITISH FUNDS

1984 High	Low	Stock		Price	Ch'ge	Int. only yld %	Gross Red. yld %
SHORTS							
105⅞	101	Treas	15% 1985	101½	..	14.784	10.174
102	99	Exch C	12% 1985	100	+1/16	11.827	10.442
98	93¼	Treas	3% 1985	96	●+	3.120	10.181
[illegible]							

MEDIUMS [illegible]

LONGS [illegible]

BREWERIES

[illegible]

BANKS DISCOUNT HP

[illegible]

1984 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
[illegible]							

BUILDING AND ROADS

[illegible]

CHEMICALS, PLASTICS

[illegible]

CINEMAS AND TV

[illegible]

DRAPERY AND STORES

[illegible]

ELECTRICALS

[illegible]

FINANCE AND LAND

[illegible]

FINANCIAL TRUSTS

[illegible]

FOODS

[illegible]

HOTELS AND CATERERS

[illegible]

INDUSTRIALS A–D

[illegible]

E–K

[illegible]

L–R

[illegible]

S–Z

[illegible]

INSURANCE

[illegible]

LEISURE

[illegible]

MINING

[illegible]

MOTORS AND AIRCRAFT

[illegible]

NEWSPAPERS AND PUBLISHERS

[illegible]

OIL

[illegible]

OVERSEAS TRADERS

[illegible]

PAPER, PRINTING, ADVERT'G

[illegible]

PROPERTY

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SHIPPING

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SHOES AND LEATHER

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TEXTILES

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COMPANY NEWS IN BRIEF

● SAMUEL PROPERTIES: Final 4p making 5.5p (5.2p) for the year to June 30. (figures in £000). Turnover 18.166 (20.627). Operating profit 3.774 (4.084). Share of loss of associates 658 (profit 190). Profit before tax 3.116 (4.274). Tax 773 (1.110). Minorities 16 (24). Extraordinary credits 1.071 (222). Earnings per share 8.18p (10.85p). Shares 151 down 1.

● WALTER RUNCIMAN: For half-year to June 30. Interim dividend 2.5p (same), payable on January 4. (Figures in £000). Turnover 29.055 (32.770 gross profit 7.655 (7.992). operating profit 553 (1.156). Pretax loss 107 (profit 701). After tax loss 58 (profit 336). Minorities loss 129 (loss 122).

● K SHOES: Results for six months to July 28. (Figures in £000). Turnover 39.653 (37.160). Pretax profit 2.949 (2.947). Tax 1.517 (1.495).

● WOODCHESTER INVESTMENTS: Half year to September 30. 2.5p (2p). The company intends in lieu of a final. A second interim of Irish 4p per share (2nd interim dividend Irish 3p) (Figures in Ir£000 Gross revenue 1.269 (794). Pretax profit 332 (179). after finance costs nil (28). Tax 23 (14). Extraordinary debit 57 (credit 80). Earnings per share 9.4p (7p) pre-extraordinary items shares 146 up 3.

● RICHARDSONS WESTGARTH: No dividend for half year to June 30. (Figures in £000) Turnover 11.121 (31.833). Trading loss 60 (profit 225.) Central costs 411 (347). Interest payable 235 (219). Pretax loss 706 (341). Shares 20p down 2p.

● COMBEN GROUP: Six months to June 30. No interim. (Figures in £000). Group turnover 47.851 (31.618). Pretax profit 2.511 (2.006). Tax 160 (420). Earnings per share 4.07p (2.84p).

● ENGLISH NATIONAL INVESTMENT CO: Interim dividend 4.65p (4.4p). Per preferred ordinary dividend 2.2p (1.95p). Per deferred ordinary for six months to September 30. Dividends and interest received £138.646 (£125.147). Other income £32.068 (£30.811). Making gross income £170.714 (£155.958). Interest charges and expenses £38.703 (£33.266). Pretax profit £132.011 (£122.692).

● J H FENNER has acquired from the Arbee Corp. of Manheim. Pennsylvania, the assets of its Manheim manufacturing and belting division for $2.5m (£2m).

● SPECTRUM GROUP: Year to June 30. Had Spectrum's ord. shares been publicly held throughout the year. it would have been the director's intention to recommend a total dividend of 2p a share. Figures in £000. T/over 29.795 (12.891). Pretax profit 1.835 (307).

● BICC has reached an agreement for Power Technologies to buy BICC's 58.13 per cent stake in its S. African offshoot. Scottish Cables. for R12.8m (£6m).

● BRITISH RAYOPHANE: Half-year to June 30. Figures in £000. T/over 29.580 (26.885). Pretax profit 725 (1.005). Profits for the second half are expected to exceed the first half.

COMMERCIAL PROPERTY

Telecom buys huge holdings of land and buildings

By Judith Huntley

An unlikely developer has been hard at work in the past year

British Telecom could well turn out to be one of Britain's largest property companies with a portfolio estimated to be worth more than £1 billion. This would make it a rival in size, if not quality, to the likes of Hammerson and MEPC.

Information about BT's property holdings is hard to come by. Indeed, it is doubtful whether BT *itself knows exactly* how much property it owns but it does say that property accounts for 15 per cent of its assets.

These had a net book value of £7.14 billion in last year's accounts, based on an internal valuation.

It is difficult to put a figure on its property assets, many of which are operational land and buildings. BT has yet to say whether there will be an external valuation once the company is floated. And it seems unlikely that BT's initial prospectus, due out tomorrow, will shed much light on the matter.

While it must be said that BT's business is not that of property development and investment, it is taking the subject seriously and the property market has been taking note of BT's heightened activity in the last year. The company is in the process of re-structuring its regional set up, which has generated a great demand for buildings.

It is the responsibility of BT's new director of property management, Mr Richard Luff, to oversee all the property requirements of the company and this includes buying and selling where appropriate.

Mr Luff is well qualified for the task. He was formerly chief surveyor for the Corporation of the City of London and is a past president of the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors.

Despite his career in the public sector, he is believed to be keen to use private firms of chartered surveyors to carry out BT's instructions rather than the Property Services Agency, which usually carries out such work for government departments. If such a policy is adopted, it will be in line with Government thinking.

Over the last year or so, BT has taken or announced plans for developing almost 600.000 sq ft of industrial and office space. The biggest scheme mooted by BT was a £25m, 320.000 sq ft building at Campbell Park, Milton Keynes, in Buckinghamshire. This would have represented a huge investment by BT and a shot in the arm for the new town, but it appears that uncertainty over staffing needs prevented the scheme going ahead.

But as Healey & Baker, the chartered surveyor, points out in its look at the west of London high technology market, BT alone accounted for 4 per cent of the deals done in the last year.

The most recent letting to BT is the 23.775 sq ft £4m, Broadway House at Bromley, Kent, developed by Rush & Tompkins' property division. BT is paying £230.000 a year for the building with retail space on the ground floor being used as a telephone shop. This is common practice for BT which has a growing number of shops selling its range of telephones.

BT has 35.000 sq ft in Churchill House, Red Lion Square, in Holborn, for which it is paying the developer Stock Conversion £425.000 a year.

In the provinces, BT is the most likely tenant for MacKay Securities' 30.000 sq ft office block in Greyfriars Road, Reading, Berkshire. The biggest letting in Leeds for some considerable time was also due to BT. It took 125.000 sq ft in the city.

The Merseyside Development Corporation and the developer Arrowcroft were hoping to get BT as a tenant for the restored Albert Dock complex in Liverpool but BT eventually took 70.000 sq ft in Imperial Buildings in the city centre developed by Sun Life Assurance and Ulster Properties.

BT's flagship is the impressive new London headquarters built for it close to St Paul's Cathedral in the City. As well as accommodating its central London staff, the building will no doubt impress prospective investors.

The rest of the property portfolio may not be as impressive but it could well contribute to BT's profits if handled in the right way. The first set of accounts from the privatized BT should throw some light on the matter.



Marble arches: the reception hall of the newly-restored 100 Piccadilly

£1.45m a year rent sought for Piccadilly offices

London & Leeds Investments, the property division of the Ladbroke Group, is asking no less than £1.45m a year in rent for its 60,000 sq ft blend of old and new office space at 100 Piccadilly in London's West End. The original building opposite Green Park has been restored in lavish style courtesy of Mr David Hicks and a modern air-conditioned office block built at the rear, complete with atrium.

London & Leeds bought the building four years ago when it was still used as a club. The company says it spent £2m on the finishes but will not reveal how much the overall development cost.

London & Leeds intends to sell the scheme and is gradually completing its other London office projects. The emphasis in future will be on developing luxury apartments and shopping schemes rather than the office market. Letting agents for 100 Piccadilly are Richard Ellis, Michael Laurie & Partners and D. E. & J. Levy.

Isle of Dogs leads docklands revival

● Attempts to regenerate London's dockland are showing most signs of success in the Isle of Dogs enterprise zone. The Milltech Centre, a 13.170 sq ft office and industrial development, has been sold for £1m. Paul Sykes Developments of Leeds bought the scheme, built on a one-acre site, from College Hill Securities which developed the building with Geoffrey Osborn. The centre has yet to find a tenant. The asking rent through agents Henry Butcher and St Quintin is £90.000 a year for the 25-year lease with five-yearly reviews.

Henry Butcher has sold the No 1 Olsen Shed, also in the enterprise zone to R. Maskell, which recently bought the House of Holland group. Maskell has bought the shed, which will be turned into 120.000 sq ft of offices and warehousing and on a 5.3 acre site, from the London Docklands Development Corporation which has its headquarters next door. The whole development will cost £2.25m to build.

● The strength of the auction market, which has been a growing force over the last two years, can be seen from the sale of a rare City of London freehold for £1.21m this week. Allsop & Co, on behalf of a development company, has sold six small properties at Carter Lane, Cobbs Court and 33 Ludgate Hill to another developer. The leases on the buildings have six-monthly break clauses for redevelopment.

The Ludgate Hill area of the City, once the poor relation, is now becoming a popular location for tenants and investors alike. Eagle Star Properties is developing offices adjacent to the auctioned site and Land Securities is believed to have let part of its refurbishment at 50 Ludgate Hill to Deloitte, Haskins & Sons, the accountant.

Ford Camber, a joint company formed by Watney Coombe Reid, Lazard Brothers and Lysander Investments wants permission for a £50m, 327.000 sq ft office on the site, but a rival application by Greycoat City Offices has been submitted for 193.000 sq ft of offices with 31.000 sq ft of shops. The site is owned by the City of London Corporation and Ford Camber.

● The future of the site next to the Riverside Studios in Hammersmith, West London, looks more assured. Hammersmith & Fulham council has appoined Darcon Properties, the Romford private development company which is part f the Webb International Group, to build a £12m office, industrial and residential scheme on the site. The Heron Corporation's plans for a £21m redevelopment came to nothing. Darcon Properties intends funding the scheme internally but will be looking for an institutional partner or will sell on. The developer has a £20m facility with the US National Westminster Bank secured on its US properties which it will use for the Hammersmith project.

● The Rank Organisation, which sold the British and Irish property assets of Rank City Wall last week to British Land for £49m, is to sell its overseas properties. Rank says that talks are under way with a potential buyer for the £70m of property the company owns in Canada and Belgium. Rank says that British Land is not in the market for the overseas portfolio.

● The funds are back into property investment with institutional investment at its highest since 1982. The second quarter saw investment in property rise to £435m from a five-year low at the beginning of the year of only £272m. This quarter's figure, says Knight Frank & Rutley, the chartered surveyor, is the highest since the record £499m invested in the last quarter of 1982 and in line with the 1982/3 average.

The insurance companies put £219m into property with pension funds investing £167m, unit trusts at £14m nd £35m coming from the building societies. Pension fund investment was down but insurance companies are back in line with 1982/83 levels. The unit trust figure was the best for two years. The institutions put £1.35 billion in to gilts and £860m in British equities. There has been a disinvestment from overseas equities, the first since 1976, with the institutions selling £748m worth.

APPOINTMENTS

Three move up at the Britannia

Britannia Building Society: from January 1, **Mr Michael Shaw**, chief general manager, will take over the duties of the retiring managing director, **Mr Norman Cowburn**, but retain his present title; **Mr Roy Griffiths**, deputy general manager responsible for development, will become general manager, with special responsibility for business development, branch offices and mortgage policy; and **Mr Kenneth Heywood** will become general manager responsible for administration.

STC: **Mr Duncan Lewis** has been appointed director, business intelligence and planning.

Gola (UK): **Mr Eric Carter** has become a non-executive director.

Davy McKee (Poole): **Mr R. J. Tazzyman** will become managing director at the end of the year, succeeding **Mr Peter Jackson**. Mr Tazzyman is at present commercial and financial director.

Ellerman City Liners: **Mr Michael Parker** has joined the company as sales and marketing director.

Private Patients Plan: **Mr Richard Blaxland** has become a director.

Daniel C. Griffith: **Dr Andrew Barber** has been appointed chief executive.

TDS circuits: **Mr Stephen Fahy** has become operations director.

Thorn EMI Ferguson: **Dr H. J. Maxmin** becomes chairman from January, in succession to **Mr R. E. Norman**, who will continue to be a non-executive director of Ferguson and president of J2T (Holdings) BV.

Wace Group: **Mr John Clegg** has been made managing director.

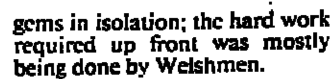
Aitken Hume Funds (Management): **Mr Paul Saunders** has joined the board as unit trust marketing director following **Mr Geoffrey Hyde's** appointment tobeh board of Aitken Hume International, where he will be responsible for overall marketing of the group's products and services.

C. Czarnikow: **Mr A. P. Schenk**, who will be retiring as chairman from the end of this year, will be succeeded by **Mr M. D. Chataway**. **Mr John Thomson** and **Mr John de Havilland** are to become non-executive directors of both Czarnikow Holdings and C. Czarnikow.

Commercial Property

RUGBY UNION: TOUR TEAM COACH CRITICIZES REFEREEING AT CARDIFF

Australians misread script and lose record



By David Hands
Rugby Correspondent

Cardiff 16
Australians 12

Cardiff maintained one record and the Australians lost one at the Welsh National Stadium yesterday. On the first wet matchday of their tour, the Australians were beaten by a severe display of British – perhaps one should say Welsh – practicalities and went down to their first defeat by a goal, a try, a penalty goal and a dropped goal to two goals.

It was by no means unexpected. Cardiff have never lost to an Australian side and, with one of the best club packs in the country, it was not their intention to start now. Their only danger came during the final 15 minutes when, resting somewhat on their laurels, they left space for the Australians to score all their points. Had Slack not ignored two supporting players, the visitors might conceivably have stolen the result.

Essentially, they lost because they do not appear to have an alternative game to the dry-weather one, which serves them so well at home. They made up the script as they went along, in conditions foreign to many of them, whereas well-rehearsed Cardiff controlled the loose ball and left it to Gareth Davies to gain ground with his tactical kicking.

There were flashes of the inspiration we have been led to expect from Australian sides, from Black and the unfortunate Lane, who went off with damaged ribs after setting up his side's first try. But they were gems in isolation; the hard work required up front was mostly being done by Welshmen.

Cardiff scrummaged hard, they tidied up the lineout ball won by Scott and Norster, and they seldom gave Cannon a poor ball. In the first half Davies calmly assessed the level of penetration his threequarters might achieve, ball in hand. Thereafter, he opted for percentages: if he did not, Ring showed that he had just the measure of the national ground, as well as his club ground, next door, with some exact line-kicking.

It was not until an hour had gone by and they were 16 points down that the Australians tightened their game. They chose the high kick as their main weapon, but they had left it too late. First touch at the lineout by Cutler or Tuyman was no use if it was not swept up by a passing prop, and the consequence of a series of misdirected taps was a thoroughly uncomfortable game for Cox in first appearance of the tour.

Davies opened the scoring with a diagonal dropped goal from a lineout before an exciting run by Ring established the position for a quick Cardiff throw-in. With Australians struggling to recover, Donovan's half-break attracted two defenders and Hadley squeezed in at the corner.

Then Davies put in a long rolling ball which bobbled tantalisingly in front of the line as Black waited to touch it down. He was forced to carry over, giving Cardiff the five-metre scrum from which Calcraft conceded a penalty try by diving into Cardiff's back row as they surged towards a pushover.

The conversion and second-half penalty by Davies created a mountain for the Australians. Lane made a break, kicked ahead and hustled Rees off the catch to send Black over. Then Moon made an extra man, Black made a forceful run, and Slack went skidding over in the corner. But that was the extent of Australia's contructive football.

SCORERS: Cardiff: Try, Hadley; Penalty try, Conversion, Davies, Penalty, Davies, Dropped goal, Davies. Australians: Tries, Black, Slack. Conversions, Black (2).
CARDIFF: P Rees; M Carrington, M Ring, A Donovan, A Hadley; W G Davies, S Cannon; J Whitefoot, A Phillips (capt), I Eidman, O Golding, K Edwards, R Norster, G Roberts (rep, R Lakin), J Scott.
AUSTRALIANS: J Black; R Hanley, A Slack (capt), T Lane (rep, M Lynagh), B Moon; M Ella, P Cox; E Rodriguez, T Lawton, A McIntyre, W Calcraft, S Cutler, S Williams, S Poidevin, S Tuyman.
Referee: D Templeton (Ireland).

● The Australian coach, Alan Jones, who arrived in Britain and announced that he would not question referees' decisions, has changed his tune (Extel reports). He said after the game: "The legacy of today is to find out what is, and what isn't allowable. My team played the same way in the first and second halves, but we were only heavily penalized in the first.

"That first half was beyond belief and I haven't seen that sort of persistent attack on one team by the referee."

The Cardiff coach, Roger Beard said he thought that Jones had under-estimated his team. He said the Australians could have picked a stronger side.

Beard paid tribute to Gareth Davies and expressed his own surprise at the Welsh Selectors' decision not to pick him.



Over to you: Cardiff's Donovan gives a try-scoring pass to Hadley despite Slack's tackle

BOXING

Graham is out with injury to hand

Herol Graham has pulled out of his bout with Bobby Rico Hoye of the United States at Sheffield city hall on Monday. The unbeaten middleweight, who stopped the Belgian light-heavyweight, Jose Seys, at the Albert Hall last week, has a hand injury.

A doctor has diagnosed ligament trouble and ordered a fortnight's rest. Monday's show, which was almost a sell-out, has been cancelled.

Graham is due to box a world-ranked opponent on the Sibson-Kaylor title bill at Wembley Arena on November 27.

● JOHANNESBURG. – Greg Page arrived in South Africa on Tuesday night to prepare for his challenge for the World Boxing Association (WBA) heavyweight title held by the South African champion, Gerrie Coetzee (Reuter reports). The bout is scheduled to take place on December 1 in the African "homeland" of Bophuthatswana in a casino complex carved out of the arid northern area.

On his arrival at Johannesburg's Jan Smuts airport, Page denied his early arrival had any thing to do with avoiding possible political pressure to stop him fighting in South Africa.

"This is my profession," the American heavyweight told reporters.

Coetzee, who has been based in the United States, has not fought since he won the title by knocking out Michael Dokes of the United States in Cleveland, Ohio, 14 months ago.

Ossie Ocasio of Puerto Rico has signed to meet the South African light-heavyweight champion, Piet Crous, in a bout on the same bill.

ATHLETICS

Dixon turns down gold rush to run New York

New York (Reuter) – Rod Dixon, of New Zealand, could have doubled his money by running in last weekend's Chicago marathon. But instead he chose to defend his title in New York this Sunday because the race is "the Wimbledon of marathon running".

Dixon said: "I was offered twice as much to run in Chicago. But if you don't have it in your heart, if money is all you're interested in, you're not going to win.

"It's important for me to win a second New York City marathon. It has a certain magic, tradition, class. It will take many years for any other United States marathon to approach New York's level."

Dixon, 34, said he is in excellent condition for race, through all five boroughs of New York. But money, rather than training, dominates the event, as prize money and appearance fees are being paid openly for the first time since the inaugural race in 1970.

Fred LeBow, the marathon director, said the winners of both the men's and the women's races would receive at least $25,000. The rest of the $250,000 (£208,000) purse will be split among the top 25 men and top 20 womem.

Dixon was paid $10,000 to take part in this year's race, and LeBow said he had offered $50,000 to the Olympic champion, Carlos Lopes, of Portugal, to run in New York, but the Chicago race organizers assured Lopes of more money.

Lopes finished second on Sunday to Steve Jones, of Wales, who ran the fastest marathon of all time in 2hr 8min 5sec. A corporal in the Royal Air Force, Jones earned nearly $36,000 (£29,000) for his feat.

SNOOKER

Knowles knocked out by escape artist Foulds

By Sydney Friskin

Tony Knowles, the No 1 seed, was beaten 5–2 in his quarter-final match of the Rothman's grand prix tournament at Reading yesterday. Playing well below his best, he lost to Neal Fouds, of Perivale, aged 21, who is seeded twenty-sixth.

Knowles, who had levelled the score at 2–2 with superb strokes on the pink and blue, was in a favourable position in the fifth frame, but Foulds showed a remarkable capacity to escape from difficult situations. When he was snookered behind the black, extricated himself from the difficulty and left Knwoles with a straight pink, which Knowles despatched towards a pocket, only to leave it hanging over the lip. Foulds potted it, to take the lead for the second time.

Knowles started the match comfortably and won the first frame with a sparkling run on the colours. Foulds was quick to retaliate and a break of 33 gave hime a solid base on which to build a winning position for the second frame.

Foulds made an inspired break of 58 in the third frame, but had to get out of trouble when he was snookered twice on the green, and was snookered on the same ball for a third time, when he hit the black. It made little difference. Knowles, conceding the frame after potting the blue and then had to draw heavily on his resources in order to save and win the fourth frame.

Steve Davis joined Dean Reynolds in the quarter-finals on Tuesday night by defeating David Taylor 5–1. Davis, so composed and so competent, dominated the match

THIRD ROUND: S Davis bt David Taylor 5–1. Frame scores (Davis first): 78–29, 60–0, 88–28, 84–25, 38–80, 84–24.
QUARTER-FINAL: N Foulds bt A Knowles 5–2 (Foulds first): 43–84, 80–15, 83–43, 49–63, 51–42, 67–30, 69–45.

Cuthbertson has no time to play for Middlesex

Cuthbertson: commitments

Cuthbertson, the Scotland and Harlequins lock, has told the Middlesex selectors that he is not available for county rugby again this season, except in emergency. Cuthbertson, aged 34, regularly attends the Scotland squad training sessions and has not given up hope of regaining his international place.

But despite playing in Middlesex's opening match of the season against Notts, Lincs and Derbyshire, he feel he cannot afford the time for county rugby as well. Instead of facing Northumberland at Stoop Memorial Ground on Saturday, Cuthbertson plans to turn out for Harlequins at Cardiff, and his county place goes to Hames, of Wasps.

There are two other changes to the side which beat Notts, Lincs and Derbyshire. Williams replaces his Wasps club colleague, Cardus, at centre, while the Metropolitan Police wing, O'Reilly, comes in for Butcher, who is not available.

The Wasps scrum half, Cullen, is still out with a shoulder injury, and George, of London Welsh, continues to deputize.

MIDDLESEX: N Stringer (Wasps); S Smith (Wasps), A Thompson (Harlequins), M Williams (Wasps), S O'Reilly (Met Police); H Davies (Wasps), I George (London Welsh); P Curtis (Harlequins), J Olver (Harlequins), M Hobley (Wasps), J Hames (Wasps), A Ripley (Rosslyn Park), K Moss (Wasps), D Cooke (Harlequins, capt), C Butcher (Harlequins).

Tourists shine

Suva, Fiji (Reuter) – The New Zealand All Blacks ran in 10 tries to crush a weak Eastern Division side 58-0 yesterday, in their last tour match before the international against Fiji on Saturday.

SCORERS: Tries: Pierce (2), Mexted (2), Finlay (2), Shaw, Shelford, Stone, Clamp; Conversions: Finlay (5), Fox; Penalties: Fox (2).

Fairn switched to make way for Ralston's debut

Ralston, the former Somerset back who joined Coventry from Bath during the summer, will make a long delayed first-team debut on Saturday in the Midland Table home match against Moseley.

Ralston, who injured an Achilles tendon on the opening day of the season, will play at centre, Fairn having switched to full back. All Fairn's rugby at Coventry has been in the centre, but with Grant abroad on business for a month and Bevan playing for Warwickshire, he reverts to a position which he has filled for Buckinghamshire.

Wilkes and Robbins are also on county duty so Staley and Rooke again deputize in the pack.

After eight wins and one draw in 10 games, London Welsh pay their first visit to Wales this season, to play Neath on Saturday. In the one change from the team which beat Llanelli last Saturday, Price returns at stand-off half, after replacement duty for the South and South-West at Exeter.

The England prop, Rendall, is back in full training following his achilles tendon injury and will shortly be able to add his weight to Wasps' squad.

County calls take more than 15 players out of Wasps' pool for Saturdays home match with Pontypridd. Rendall was injured during England's summer tour

Saracens retain 11 of the team which thrashed Sheffield last weekend for Saturday's home game against Bristol. But the North London club still have 15 players appearing in the county championship on Saturday, and give a first-team debut to the third-choice hooker, Cook.

Their wing, Tillotson, and stand-off, Marment, will make their first senior appearances of the season.

Services hope Orwin will join the ranks

John Irwin, whose second appearance against the Australians in a week is in doubt because of a knee injury, heard yesterday that he would not, in any event, be the captain of the Combined Services team to meet the touring side at Aldershot on Saturday.

After being injured last Saturday while representing the South and South-West against the Australians, the Gloucester lock missed Tuesday's preparatory match against the British Police on Tuesday.

COMBINED SERVICES: Sub-Lt C Alcock (Royal Navy; captain); Sgt D Johnson (Army), Lt M Greenhalgh (Army), FO I Gosling (RAF), PO R Underwood (RAF); Cpl M Evans (RAF); Cpl S Worrall (RAF); Cpl M Whitcombe (RAF), Lt I Thompson (Royal Navy), Capt C Harvey (Army), Cpl J Orwin (RAF), Sgt Instructor S Peacock (Army), Sgt G Williams (Army), Capt B McCall (Army), Cpl M Reece (Royal Marines). Replacements: LW J Hirst (RN), AB R Joy (RN), AEM G Wood (RN).

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MOTOR RACING

Battle to keep Monaco on grid

Jean-Marie Balestre, the president of the International Motor Sports Federation (FISA), has arrived in Monaco in a fresh effort to settle the row which could mark the end of an era for the tiny principality as the most glamourous motor sport venue in Europe.

The Monaco Grand Prix has already been dropped from next year's calendar because of a dispute over television rights, and in a long running dispute the organisers, the Automobile Club of Monaco (ACM), now face expulsion by the sport's ruling body. The club is also responsible for the Monte Carlo rally, so expulsion would mean the end of the rally as well as the grand prix.

Balestre will also be attempting to resolve another more imminent problem faced by the rally – a $110,000 (£92,000) levy imposed by the French Motor Sports Federtion for the use of French roads and services.

The organisers have until tomorrow to indicate their willingness to pay, but say they do not have the money. The rally, first run in 1911, chooses the harshest season of the year for more than 200 cars to battle through snow and ice before converging on Monte Carlo

The grand prix, first run in 1929, offers a street car-chase unique in Europe

But now the International Automobile Federation (FIA) has started moves to expel the Monaco club because of "serious violations of the federation's statutes".

That threat has drawn Prince Rainier's government into efforts to save the prestige races.

Balestre, who is also president of the French Motor Sport Federation, said recently: "Everyone thought one would never dare deprive oneself of Monaco, the showcase of motor sport. Well, I'm sorry, this showcase is broken. We want these people to respect the rules."

The FIA has accused the Monaco club of causing serious moral and financial prejudice to the federation – a reference to legal actions brought by the club.

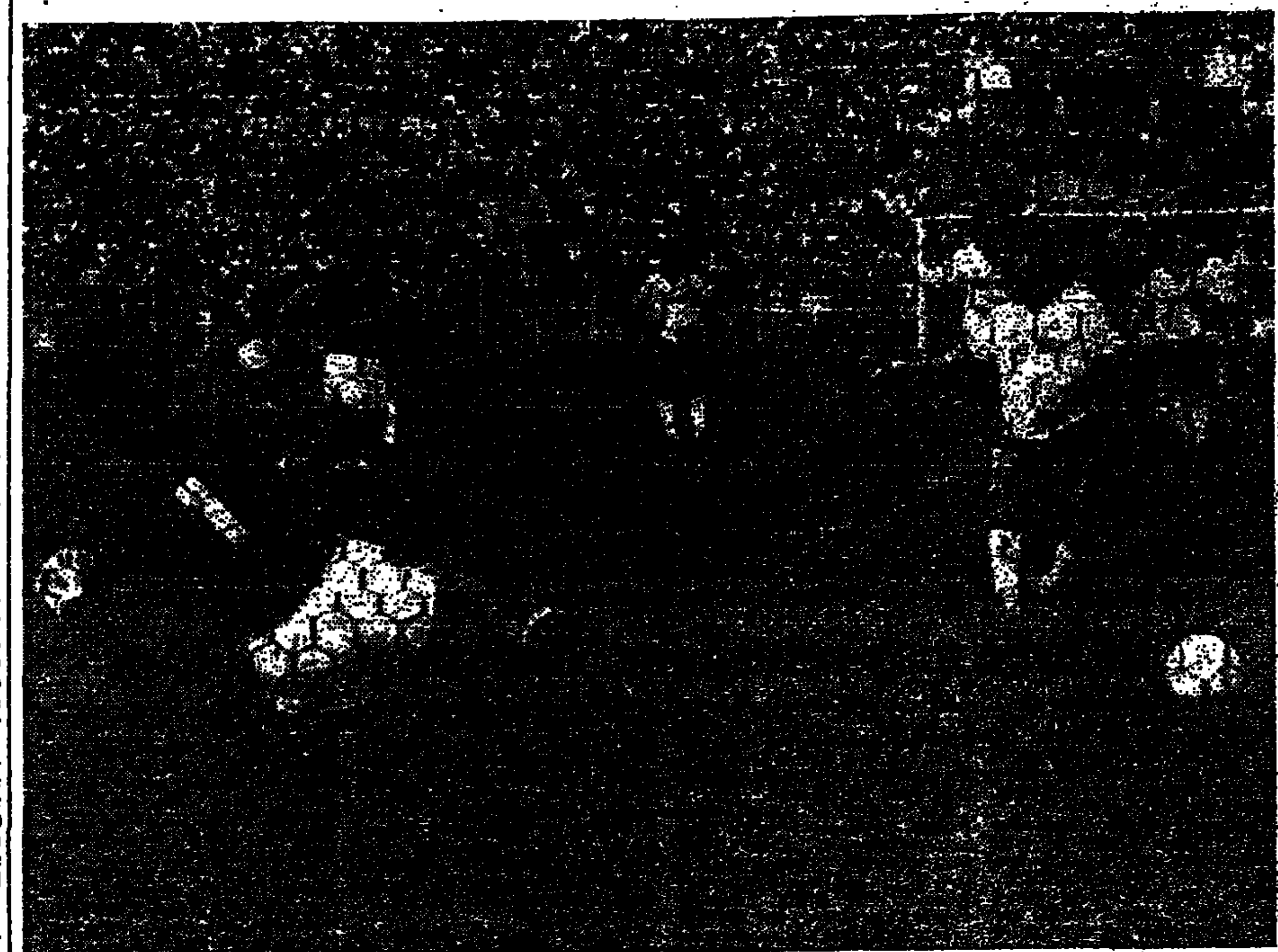
Balestre also said last week the club should be punished for breaking FIA rules on television rights. Monaco is out of step with other Formula One races because of a contract with the American ABC network.

The club has been told to appear before FISA next month and expulsion would have immediate effect.

The sports daily newspaper *L'Equipe* says FISA representatives have told the Monaco Club president, Michel Boeri, that no compromise is possible unless any outstanding legal proceedings are dropped. If a solution is found, there is still a gap in the 1985 Formula One calendar on May 19 which Monaco could fill.

On the rally the French say they are following other countries by imposing a charge for the use of roads and support services. Boeri, however, has described the levy as "ill-considered". His supporters include the Mayor of Menton, Emmanuel Aubert, Member of Parliament for the Maritime Alps region.

Football: Everton give British clubs a bright start in the second round of the European club competitions



Wrong way: Pruzzo's penalty beats Parker to give Roma a controversial lead over Wrexham

A debit that Wrexham can repay

From Clive White, Rome

AS Roma 2
Wrexham 0

The glory that was Rome is still a thing of the past. Silenced in May by Liverpool, the Romans were dumbfounded again yesterday, as much by their own team's impotence as the virile efforts of a dozen men from North Wales. Wrexham, eighty-seventh in the Canon League, now eagerly await Roma at the Racecourse Ground in a fortnight's time for the second leg of this European Cup Winners' Cup second round tie. They have a genuine chance of removing last season's European Cup finalists from this competition.

It would be a remarkable double for any team, let alone one of Wrexham's lowly standing, to dispose of the runners-up in Europe's two senior competitions in successive rounds. And, who knows, that might have happened here yesterday had Roma, struggling to penetrate a courageous Welsh defence, not been given a helping hand of a thirty-seventh minute penalty which surprised even the most rabid Roman fan.

It was a match which illustrated perfectly the illogical beauty of team competition. Wrexham's players should not belong in the same magnificent Olympic stadium as Roma, but before the end it was the graceless Italians who should have been asked to leave. Wrexham, for whom the entire defence, Horn and Steel were wonderfully competitive, played the game as if it was just another fourth division match, except with rather more success than of late.

The weather had cooled before the kick-off and so too, it seemed, had the passion of the Italian support. The flag-waving, drum-beating and coloured fireworks were all there to greet Wrexham and their accompanying nerves, but they lacked conviction.

Parker, the Wrexham goalkeeper who has been troubled by injuries to knee and arm in recent weeks, now found his nerves under attack in the early minutes before Roma hospitably allowed Wrexham to settle into the tie. The home team seemed reluctant to assert their obvious technical superiority and their lack of success this season was only too sharply reflected.

Wrexham might even have scored first when Gregory hit the side netting on a blind-side run to a cross by Rogers which snaked through the Roma defence. The Italians were clearly unsettled by such aggression, and as the crowd grew restless the Hungarian referee came to their aid by penalizing a Wrexham defender. Wrexham players claimed that it was an Italian hand on the ball. Pryce Griffiths, their chairman, complained to the UEFA official present about the decision and said that even the Italian directors could not believe it.

When Pruzzo converted the penalty, it incensed Wrexham rather than inspired Roma. Rogers should have done better with a nodded pass from Steel, but four minutes into the second half Roma scored again when Cerezo, a Brazilian international, let fly in typical style from 25 yards after a clever back-heel by Chierico. But it failed to open the floodgates for Roma

AS ROMA: F Tancredi: E Oddi, P Bonetti (sub G Giannini), C Ancelotti, U Righetti, A Maldera, (sub A Chierico), B Conti, A Cerezo, R Pruzzo, J Buriani, M Tono.

WREXHAM: S Parker; J King, S Cunnington, N Salathiel, J Keay, S Wright, A Edwards, B Horne, J Steel, D Gregory (sub J Muldoon), K Rogers.
Referee: L Padar (Hungary).

Golden boots for Rush and Platini

Paris (Reuter) – Michel Platini and Ian Rush will receive 'Golden Boot' awards for their goalscoring feats here next Tuesday.

Platini, the European Footballer of the Year, has won two trophies for leading France to the European championship last June – the 'Golden Boot' for his nine goals and the 'Golden Ball' as outstanding player of the tournament.

Rush won the European 'Golden Boot' award for his 32 League goals for Liverpool last season. Van Basten of Ajax Amsterdam was second, with 28 goals.

Liverpool won the European Challenge Award, ahead of Juventus of Turin, Platini's club, and the Scottish champions, Aberdeen. In the European championship, Preben Elkjaer-Larsen of Denmark and Jean Tigana of France won the silver and bronze ball awards while Frank Arnesen of Denmark and Rudi Voller of West Germany won the silver and bronze boot awards.



Rideout: confessed in the case of the twin strikers

Gesture costs Rideout a belated fine

Paul Rideout will pay for his honesty with a one-match suspension and a £150 fine. The England under-21 centre-forward learned yesterday that this was his punishment for "bringing the game into disrepute".

After Peter Withe, his Aston Villa colleague, was sent off in the game at Ipswich, Rideout owned up that it was he who had made an obscene gesture to a linesman. Withe, who had been booked earlier, escaped suspension. Rideout was cautioned and the FA also brought the disrepute charge.

Rideout did not attend the inquiry. He put his case to the FA disciplinary hearing in a letter.

● Ron Linney, who has had 25 years' administrative experience with Aston Villa and Sunderland, is to join Hull City as general manager and secretary. Mr Linney, aged 30, who has been out of football for the last two years, starts his new job tomorrow.

Everton are halfway there

A goal by Paul Bracewell gave Everton a 1-0 win in their European Cup Winners' Cup second round, first leg tie away to Inter Bratislava last night. Bracewell, an England under 21 midfield player signed from Stoke City in the close season, scored after six minutes, and Everton hung on to give themselves an excellent chance of reaching the third round.

Dynamo Moscow beat Hamrun Spartans, of Malta, 5-0, with goals from Gazzaiev (2), Karatiaiev, Khabtsalis amd Bulanov in their home leg.

Larissa, of Greece, came from behind to beat Servette, of Switzerland, 2-1. A crowd of 17,000 saw Koch give Servette an away goal after 13 minutes, but Patsiavouras equalised eight minutes after half time and Kmiecik scored the winning goal from a penalty in the 65th minute.

Spartak Moscow held Lokomotiv Leipzig to a 1–1 draw in their UEFA Cup second round, first leg in East Germany after taking the lead after six minutes through Gavrilov. Zoetzsche equalized for the home side six minutes from time.

Olympiakos restricted Universitatea of Craiova to a 1–0 win in their second leg, first round tie in Bucharest. Cirtu scored the only goal of a slow and acrimonious game in the sixteenth minute. Three players, two of them from Olympiakos, were booked.

A goal five minutes from time by Bahtic gave Zeljeznicar Sarajevo a 2–1 home win over Sion, of Switzerland. Bahtic gave the Yugoslavs e lead after 26 minutes, but Sabanadzovic equalised with an own goal after 75 minutes.

In the European Cup second round, first leg, Dynamo Berlin drew 3–3 at home with Austria Vienna thanks to a goal two minutes from time by Pastor and Sparta Prague were held to a goalless draw in Czechoslovakia by Lyngby Boldklub of Denmark.

● Dortmund (Reuter) – Borussia Dortmund, the West German first division club, yesterday sacked their trainer Timo Konietzka and manager Hans-Dieter Tippenhauer after a disastrous start to the season. Dortmund have only four points from nine matches and lie second from the bottom, above Eintracht Brunswick on goal difference.

Borussia spent 3.3 million marks (about £917,000) on new players last summer.

Yesterday's results

Cup Winners' Cup
Second round, first leg

AS ROMA (1) 2 WREXHAM (0) 0
Pruzzo, pen
Cerezo (36,792)

I BRATISLAVA (0) 0 EVERTON (1) 1
Bracewell

OTHER MATCHES. Larissa 2, Servette Geneva 1.

UEFA CUP: Second round, first leg: Universitatea Craiova 1, Olympiakos Piraeus 0; Lokomotiv Leipzig 1, Spartak Moscow 1.

UNDER 16 COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP. Bedfordshire 0, Hertfordshire 1.

FOOTBALL COMBINATION: Millwall 2, Portsmouth 1
OTHER MATCH. Cambridge University 0, Arsenal XI 3 (at Fenner's).

RUGBY UNION

TOUR MATCH: Cardiff 16, Australians 12.

SCOTTISH UNIVERSITIES CHAMPIONSHIP: Aberdeen 19, Dundee 3; Heriot-Watt 6, Strathclyde 22; St Andrews 15, Glasgow 4; Stirling 8, Edinburgh 10.

Leicester likely to sign Mortimer

Leicester City look likely to sign Aston Villa's experienced midfield player, Dennis Mortimer for a fee of around £25,000. The Leicester manager, Gordon Milne, has had talks with Mortimer, but it is not thought that the deal for the 32-year-old former Villa captian will go through until Leicester complete the £85,000 transfer of Ian Banks to Sheffield United today.

However, the Aston Villa chairman, Doug Ellis, has said that even if Mortimer does sign for Leicester today he will not be allowed to play against his former club at Filbert Street on Saturday.

The Stoke City manager, Bill Asprey, is confident of signing the Norwich City forward, Keith Bertschin, early next week. Asprey said that he agreed "on most things" with Bertschin after visiting him in Norwich and hoped to complete the deal when the player was fit. However, Asprey's talks with the Manchester United winger Arthur Graham, have been less promising. Graham has said he is reluctant to leave his home in Leeds.

Middlesbrough are to sign the Newcastle United goalkeeper, Martin Thomas, on a month's loan. Thomas, a former Welsh under-21 international, aged 24, will make his debut against Leeds United at Elland Road on Saturday.

Walthamstow Avenue the Isthmian League side, have signed Paul Wilkins, a former Tottenham apprentice, who scored three goals in 13 games for Crystal Palace before joining Preston North End in the close season. Wilkins, a forward, is expected to make his debut in Saturday's home game against Leytonstone-Ilford.

● Barnsley, hoping to avoid crowd trouble, have brought forward the kick-off time for their home match against Sheffield United on November 3 from 3pm to 11am. Both the club and local residents disturbed by the violence which occurred when Barnsley played Leeds United 11 days ago.

The Barnsley secretary, Michael Spinks, said yesterday: "We are trying, this early kick-off as an experiment following a recommendation from the local police. We are hoping that the scenes at the Leeds game will be avoided by this action though we would like to point out that the Sheffield United supporters are usually a very good bunch".

● England will play Scotland in a European Youth Championship qualifying group match at Fulham on Tuesday, November 27.





Talking to Stoke: Graham (left) and Bertschin

Lovell conversion helps lift Millwall aloft

Millwall took over the leadership of the third division on Tuesday night after defeating Lincoln City 2-0 at The Den. They displaced Brisol Rovers, who lost 1-0 at Wigan Athletic.

Millwall's goals came from Steve Lovell - one a penalty - to bring his total this season to 11. He was a free transfer from Crystal Palace and has been converted into a forward after spending most of his career as a defender and midfield player.

Despite Millwall's success, their manager, George Graham, remained cautious. "We must keep our feet on the ground," he said. "The team is not quite right and I'm still looking for strikers."

Bristol Rovers went down to an eight-fifth minute goal from Steve Johnson - only their second defeat of the season. Meanwhile, York City lost the chance to make up ground on the leaders, losing 4-0 at Bournemouth.

Ian Thomson and Colin Russell each scored twice for Bournemouth, while Bobby Campbell scored two in Bradford City's 4-1 win over Preston North End, who suffered their seventh efeat in a row.

Derby County, with more than 4,000 fans accompanying them, drew 0-0 at Walsall, but Swansea City had an unhappy visit to Hull City, losing 4-1 to slip into relegation trouble. They also had their defender Wyndham Evans sent off and their former England midfielder, Gerry Francis taken off injured.

TUESDAY'S RESULTS

THIRD DIVISION: Bournemouth 4, York City 0; Bristol City 3, Bolton Wanderers 2; Burnley 3, Brentford 1, Doncaster Rovers 3, Cambridge United 2; Gillingham 4, Reading 1; Hull City 4, Swansea City 1; Millwall 2, Lincoln City 0; Orient 3, Plymouth Argyle 0; Preston North End 1, Bradford City 4, Rotherham United 1, Newport County 0; Walsall 0, Derby County 0; Wigan Athletic 1, Bristol Rovers 0.

Leading positions

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Millwall	12	8	2	2	24	11	26
Bristol Rovers	12	7	3	2	16	8	24
Bradford City	12	7	2	3	15	8	23
Bristol City	12	6	3	3	19	15	21
Rotherham	12	6	3	3	16	12	21
York City	12	6	3	3	17	15	21

NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE: Macclesfield 0, Rhyl 0; Matlock 0, Goole 5.
CENTRAL LEAGUE: First division: Notts County 4, Manchester City 0. Second division: Grimsby 1, Burnley 0; Sunderland 0, Port Vale 1
FOOTBALL COMBINATION: Bristol Rovers 3, Watford 4; Charlton 1, Chelsea 3; Fulham 4, West Ham 1; Norwich 1, Ipswich 0, Queen's Park Rangers 5, Crystal Palace 0; Swindon 1, Reading 4.
ISTHMIAN LEAGUE: Premier division: Tooting and Mitcham 1, Sutton United 3. First division: Bromley 3, Staines 1. Second division, north: Wolverton 0, Saffron Walden 2. Second division, south: Banstead 2, Southall 4; Camberley 0, Dorking 1; Egham 1, Feltham 2; Petersfield 0, Uxbridge 7. Cup, first round replay: Bracknell 0, Wycombe Wanderers 4.

SOUTHERN LEAGUE: Bill Dellow Cup, first round: Bridgnorth 0, Alvechurch 1; Woodford 3, Fisher 2.

HERTS SENIOR CUP: First round: Bishop's Stortford 4, Baldock 2; Cheshunt 3, Berkhamsted 1; Royston 1, St Albans 4; Stevenage 2, Tring 0.
FA TROPHY: First qualifying round replays: Dudley 5, Ilkeston 1; Epsom and Ewell 2, Andover 1; Hertford 0, Aveley 2; Lewes 1, Woking 3; Sittingbourne 2, Farnborough 2; Tilbury 1, Hillingdon 2; Congleton 2, Willenhall 1.

BERKS AND BUCKS SENIOR CUP: First round: Windsor and Eton 5, Newbury 0; Amersham 0, Chalfont 5; Aylesbury 4, Didcot 0.
EASTERN COUNTIES LEAGUE: Gorleston 1, Stowmarket 3; Lowestoft 0, Great Yarmouth 0; Tiptree 1, Clacton 1.

LONDON SPARTAN LEAGUE: Premier division: Burnham 2, Corinthian Casuals 2; Northwood 1, Edgware 1; Redhill 0, Danson 0.
SUSSEX SENIOR CUP: First round: Eastbourne United 3, Ringmer 0.

FOR THE RECORD

SPEEDWAY

BRITISH LEAGUE: Reading 32, Ipswich 45 (Ipswich win league)
NATIONAL JUNIOR KNOCKOUT CUP: Final: Milton Keynes 21, Exeter 47.

TENNIS

VIENNA: Men's grand prix tournament: First round: M Purcell (US) bt C Motta (Bri, 6-4, 1-6, 6-0 J Gunnarson (Swe) bt T Hogstedt (Swe) 3-6, 6-3, 6-2: M Ostoja (Yug) bt G Odeppo (It), 6-7, 6-1, 6-2, M Westphal (WG) bt S Glickstein (Isr) 6-2, 6-2, B Becker (WG) bt K Novacek (Cz) 6-4, 5-7, 6-1, H Leconte (Fr) bt S Colombo (It) 7-6, 1-6, 6-4, W Fibak (Pol) bt B Taroczy (Hun), 6-2, 4-6, 6-3, J Hlasek (Switz) bt S Simonsson (Swe), 7-6, 2-6, 6-4, M Purcell (US) bt C Motta (Bri), 6-4, 1-6, 6-0 Second round: J Brown (US) bt Becker, 6-2, 6-3
HONGKONG: Men's grand prix tournament: First round: P Dupre (US) bt M Edmondson (Aus) 6-2, 6-2, A Gomez (Ec) bt W Masur (Aus) 6-4, 5-7, 6-0; R Green (US) bt D Pate (US), 6-4, 4-6, 6-3; Second round: T Moor (US) bt M Dickson (US) 6-4, 6-7, 6-3, B Gilbert (US) bt Z Kuharszky (Switz), 6-1, 6-2.

TENPIN BOWLING

SYDNEY: World Cup (leading qualifiers for semi-finals: Women (18 games): 1, S Leonard (GB) 3,390 pins, 2, A François (Fr) 3,384; 3, U Eckert (WG) 3,226. Men (16 games, eight more games before qualifying finishes): 1, P Eriksson (Swe), 3,222; 2, T Kawabata (Japan), 3,159, 3, J Riegler (Austria), 3,119

BASKETBALL

PEKING: Asian women's championship: Final: Peking bt China 62-61.

CYCLING

DORTMUND: Six-day race, final standings: 1, F Moser (It) and R Pijnen (Neth), 429 points, 2, G Frank (Den) and H-H Oersted (Den), one lap behind 420, 3, H Scheutz (WG) and D Clark (Aus), 2/519, 8, R Hofeditz (WG) and A Doyle (GB), 10/78, 12, S Roche (Ire) and S Schroepfer (WG), 14/32.
OSORNO: Tour of Chile amateur race: 1, J Capiot (Bel), 3hr 51 min 11 sec; 2, R Cataneo (Switz), 3.51 16; 3, C Vandelli (It), 3.51.21.

ICE HOCKEY

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Montreal Canadiens 3 Quebec Nordiques 1; New York Islanders 6, Vancouver Canucks 5; Philadelphia Flyers 7 Minnesota North Stars 2, Calgary Flames 9, Hartford Whalers 4.

BASEBALL

HAVANA: World amateur championship: United States 7, Taiwan 0; Panama 8, Puerto Rico 2; Nicaragua 4, Japan 2; Cuba 5, South Korea 0.

RUGBY UNION

SCHOOLS MATCHES: Technico (Lisbon) 24, St Olave's 28; Blundell's 10, Bishop's Stortford 8 Bryanston 6, Bedford Modern 0; Clifton 9 Marlborough 21.

HOCKEY

REPRESENTATIVE MATCH: RAF 4, RNAF 1.

SNOOKER

DUBLIN: World amateur championship: Group A: V Saenthong (Thai) bt B Bjorkman (Swe) 4-0, K Serasomo (Sri Lanka) bt D Feeney (US) 4-1; T Parsons (Wales) bt L Taleman (Bel) 4-0. Group B: S Ngarm (Thai) bt J McKintyre (NI) 4-0, T Drago (Malta) bt A Campbell (Aus) 4-1. Group C: T Kollins (US) bt H Thwaites (Bel) 4-0; M Colquitt (Isle of Man) bt Kollins 4-1. Group D: O Agrawal (India) bt M Hallgren (Swe) 4-2; J Selby (Wales) bt H Morgan (NI) 4-1; Hallgren bt G Carnegy (Scot) 4-2.

RUGBY LEAGUE

Struggling Trinity offer way back for Murphy

By Keith Macklin

The ebullient Alex Murphy may be on his way back into club coaching and management. After the disappointment of not even making the shortlist for the Great Britain coaching job, Murphy was last night considering an offer from Wakefield Trinity, following the resignation of their coach, Geoff Wraith.

Wraith finally became disillusioned last weekend when Trinity lost 46-10 at Keighley and had four men sent off.

Since he was sacked by Wigan just before the start of the season, Murphy has turned down one offer, from Rochdale Hornets. Another blow for Trinity yesterday was the retirement from playing of their experienced stand-off half Neil Stephenson.

● The new under-21 international side, which this season has replaced the under-24 team, makes its bow with a game against France at Castleford on November 25. The return game, at Albi, will be on December 16.

● The disciplinary committee will be busy again today, with five of the six players sent off at Keighley making personal appearances, two from Keighley and three from Trinity. Likely to need skilful advocacy is Alan Shaw, the Trinity hooker, who has previously been sent off.

● In their desire and determination to create healthy attendance figures at Crystal Palace, Fulham have distributed 4,800 free tickets for their home game against *Blackpool Borough* on Sunday.

This is Fulham's first Sunday game at the National Sports Centre, and the tickets have gone to 50 schools in the London area, as far apart as Croydon and Hendon, to unemployment offices in Brixton, Streatham and Camberwell, and to Australian and New Zealand "exiles" organizations in London.

John Rathbone the Fulham secretary, said: "A lot of interest has been shown, and we are expecting a much higher attendance on Sunday than for our two previous home games at Crystal Palace, which were played on Saturdays."

● The serious concern often expressed about the treatment – or lack of it – of players' injuries has resulted in the publication of a book by the British Amateur Rugby League Association (BARLA). The book is titled, simply, *The Barla First Aid Book*. The book has a sponsor, the Alliance Building Society, and several senior medical officials have helped with contributing and editing. The purpose of the book was summed up by Tom Keaveney, the secretary of the association who said: "The idea is to help our physiotherapists in preventing minor injuries from becoming serious ones."

IN BRIEF

Imran almost ready

The former Pakistan captain, Imran Khan, may soon be ready to play Sheffield Shield cricket for New South Wales. Yesterday he was added to the senior squad which practised at the Sydney Cricket Ground – only his second organized *spell of bowling in 20 months since* he suffered a stress fracture of the shin. At present, Imran is playing grade cricket for the University of New South Wales.

RUGBY LEAGUE: The Blackpool Borough Centre, Steve Davies, has been put on the transfer list at his own request. The club are asking £4,000 for Davies, their captain, who was formerly with Wigan and Carlisle.

TENPIN BOWLING: Shelagh Leonard, of Britain, was the leading scorer in the women's competition *after the qualifying* rounds in the World Cup in Sydney.

SHOW JUMPING: Two leading British riders, David Broome and David Bowen, will compete on borrowed horses in the Australian show jumping Derby in Perth on October 28.

ATHLETICS

Nation's top events on new circuit

From Pat Butcher
Brussels

Britain's top two athletics meetings, the Talbot Games and the Coca-Cola, were confirmed for next year's grand prix circuit by the organizing body, the International Amateur Athletic Federation, here yesterday. Both meetings will be held at Crystal Palace, with the "Talbot" on July 19 and the "Coke" on August 2.

There is still some debate about the date of the grand prix final in Rome, ad that will be announced today. But since the Coca-Cola meeting has been pushed forward from its original date of September 7, there is every likelihood that the athletes were too tired after this year's long season to compete until mid-September.

Surprisingly, the East Germans have declined to stage the meeting they were offered, which lets in Budapest on August 4 without any addition to the original schedule of 15 meeting plus a final.

However, the East Germans were at yesterday's meeting and confirmed the participation of their athletes on the circuit, which, with the acceptance of grand prix meetings by the Soviet Union and Czechoslovakia, removed late fears that the eastern block countries would withdraw from a circuit which is being backed by over $1m from Mobil Oil.

The presence of representatives from ABC Television, who covered the Olympic Games, suggests that there might be a lot more money available for the circuit. The two meetings on the United States have also now been given firm venues.

DATES AND VENUES: May 25, Bruce Jenner Classic, San Jose; June 1, Prefontaine Classic, Eugene; June 8, Znamensky Memorial, Moscow; June 15, Czechoslovakia; July 2, DN Galan, Stockholm; July 4, World Games, Helsinki; July 15, Nikaia, Nice; July 19, Talbot Games, London; July 27, Bislett Games, Oslo; August 2, Coca Cola, London; August 4, Grand Prix Budapest; August 21, Weltklasse, Zurich; August 23, ISTAF, West Berlin; August 25, Weltklasse, Cologne; August 30, Ivo van Damme, Brussels.

TENNIS: SEEDS TUMBLE AND A FORMER STAR BATTLES BACK

Miss Tanvier creates a storm of her own

By Rex Bellamy, Tennis Correspondent

Just across the road from a tempestuously angry sea, a dancing tomboy called Catherine Tanvier raised a storm of her own, in the Pretty Polly tournament at the Brighton Centre yesterday. A year ago, the French teenager gave Chris Lloyd a scare on the same court. Yesterday she beat the fifth seed, Barbara Potter, 6-3, 6-3.

Miss Tanvier, a fetching blonde with long legs, has always been adventurous, but used to be wild. Her game is tidier these days but she still creates turbulence. Around the house, she must be an awful traffic hazard. One imagines the draught of her passing – with potted plants and furniture swaying and untethered doilies and papers fluttering across the hall.

Miss Potter said this was the first time she had played an "attacking" player since Martina Navratilova beat her in the United States championships. One quotes the word "attacking" because it only begins to describe the exciting way Miss Tanvier plays tennis. By *comparison*, Miss Navratilova's game is strait-laced.

"That was a real flak attack", Miss Potter said later. "But I didn't exercise all the variations of play I could have used. My returns, passing shots, and lobs were not attuned. I played a bit like a caged bull. But she returned well." Miss Tanvier did indeed return well and even Miss Navratilova cannot surpass the teasing, swinging variety of Miss Potter's left-handed service.

Miss Potter will play singles in next week's Wightman Cup match against Britain at the Royal Albert Hall. She will need to return service better than she did yesterday, when she had only one break point and, in general, was anything but resilient under pressure. "This was a good slap on the hand for me," Miss Potter said, with a rueful shake of the head.

This result, plus Kathy Jordan's withdrawal because of injury, means that the second and fifth seeds have both been removed from Jo Durie's half of the draw. Were the gods who govern these things taking special care of the British champion? Thus we mused while savouring Virginia Wade's win over that nimble and precociously crafty Italian teenager, Anna Maria Cecchini, a specialist in drop shots and theatrical asides.

Miss Cecchini was 6-3 and 2-1 up when she fell over the net. She is a sturdy lass and the impact sheered the nut off a bolt supporting a net post. By the time they resumed play, 13 minutes later, Miss Wade had worked out what was going wrong and what should be done about it. She then won eight games in a row. Exit Miss Cecchini.

Anne Hobbs, a lissome little athlete fighting out of her weight, took two hours and 35 minutes to beat the 6ft 2in Sara Gomer 7-6, 5-7, 6-4. The left-handed Miss Gomer, aged 20, had a match point against Miss Wade in the recent national championships, and is currently playing with an assurance that was missing from her game a year ago.

But a little self-doubt still creeps in when she needs it least: and yesterday the more experienced Miss Hobbs kept nagging away at her like a hostile and elusive wasp. *Miss Gomer, though, had her* chances. She must have felt frustrated, but it has to be encouraging, too, to force Miss Wade and Miss Hobbs in turn into a corner.

Connors joins Wembley field

Jimmy Connors will, after all, play next month's Benson and Hedges championships at Wembly Arena, joining the defending champion, John McEnroe, and Ivan Lendl as the favourites in the contest for the top prize of £35,000.

Connors was not among the original entries for the £176,700 event, but tournament director, Len Owen, announced yesterday that the former Wimbledon champion has accepted a wild card entry into the event, to be played from November 6-11.

Connor's wife is expecting their second child in the next few weeks, and the American has preferred to wait to see how she progresses. But now he feels he can come to London

At 22, Tracy Austin is on the comeback trail

Loreto, Mexico (Reuter) – A relaxed Tracy Austin, with the rugged mountains of the Sierra de la Giganta chain in the harsh beauty of the state of Baja California offering an imposing backdrop says that she intends making yet another comeback attempt early next year.

"I don't have a schedule, but I've been working out and getting stronger and things are looking good right now, Miss Austin, the 1979 and 1981 United States Open champion, said in an interview here.

Miss Austin was among a handful of top tennis stars, headed by her fellow-Americans John McEnroe and Jimmy Arias, who attended and



Miss Austin: determined

played at the inaugural Loreto tennis festival.

This year Miss Austin, who was ranked in the top 10 in the world from 1978-1983 and was a Wimbledon semi-finalist in 1979 and 1980, has played in only two tournaments. She lost to Barbara Potter in the second round at Chicago in early February, and suffered another second-round exit the following week at the United States indoor championships, losing to Pam Casale.

In 1983 she played in eight tournaments, the last in Eastbourne in June of that year, when she retired in the semi-finals because of a recurring back injury. Similar back and sciatic nerve problems had severely curtailed her playing schedule the two previous years.

"*I tried to play in February* and was still injured, so I decided I had to get over all the injuries and get my strength back to where it was before," she said. "I had to take my time. You can't take short cuts, and that is what I was trying to do.

"It was becoming a vicious circle. You come back and are not quite in shape as before, then you get injured again. I finally decided I had to get back in total shape. The hardest thing I had to do was accepting that I was injured, because I was used to playing with all the aches and pains."

It is not too late for Miss Austin to make a comeback. While it may seem that she has been around forever, making her Wimbledon debut as a 15-year-old in 1977, the youngest ever to play there, and becoming the youngest – aged 16 – to win the United States Open in 1979, she will only be 22 this December.

"It might have been a blessing because I think I'm much happier now, a different person," she said. Her appearance now makes it hard to remember those days of pinafore dresses, braces and pigtails.

"When you have to go through a hard process like this, you learn a lot about yourself. I feel I'm a richer person, more of a complete person." She has done some television commentaries at tournaments this year, and organized the Tracy Austin Pro-Celebrity event in her home town of Palos Verdes, California.

"When I do go back to playing, I will bring something back with me, something added," she said.

Her basic game should remain much the same, with precision ground strokes fired from the baselines on both wings. "The first thing I want to get back is my game," she said. "There is no sense trying to add something extra right away – first you get back your bread and butter shots, and then you try to add."

RACING

Efisio's formidable finish should prove decisive

By Mandarin

Young Runaway missed last week's Dewhurst Stakes at Newmarket to wait for today's apparently easier Horris Hill Stakes at Newbury. And, after his second to the brilliant filly, Oh So Sharp, in the Solario Stakes at Sandown Park, followed by an authoritative victory over Sharp Romance in the Laurent Perrier Champagne Stakes at Doncaster, Guy Harwood's colt will be at short odds for today's test over an extended seven furlongs.

However, impressive though he was at Doncaster, those behind him that day have since shown themselves to be rather ordinary. So, if you add to this the fact that Harwood's team have not exactly been carrying all before them recently, it may pay to take a chance with Efisio, a colt whose own stable, that of John Dunlop, is seeing out the season in almost invincible form.

Efisio is unbeaten in three runs and although he makes a considerable step up in class today he could well be equal to it. His most impressive success came in his last outing when the son of Formidable showed remarkable acceleration to cut down Tyrollie in a well-contested six-furlong nursery at Ascot. Efisio was carrying second top weight that day and the way he was pulling away from the rest at the finish suggested that today's extra distance should not trouble him.

A line through Our Jock, who finished sixth to Efisio at Ascot, suggests that there should be little between Dunlop's horse and another of today's runner's, Tickly Bender, who will be ridden by Lester Piggott. Tickly Bender beat Our Jock by just a short head at Newmarket on Saturday, but was giving him 11lb more than Efisio did, so clearly he will be a dangerous rival.

Assemblyman, who beat Grayfoot in a decent race at Doncaster, and Vertige, who will be wearing blinkers for the first time, also cannot be ruled out of what should prove a close and fascinating contest.

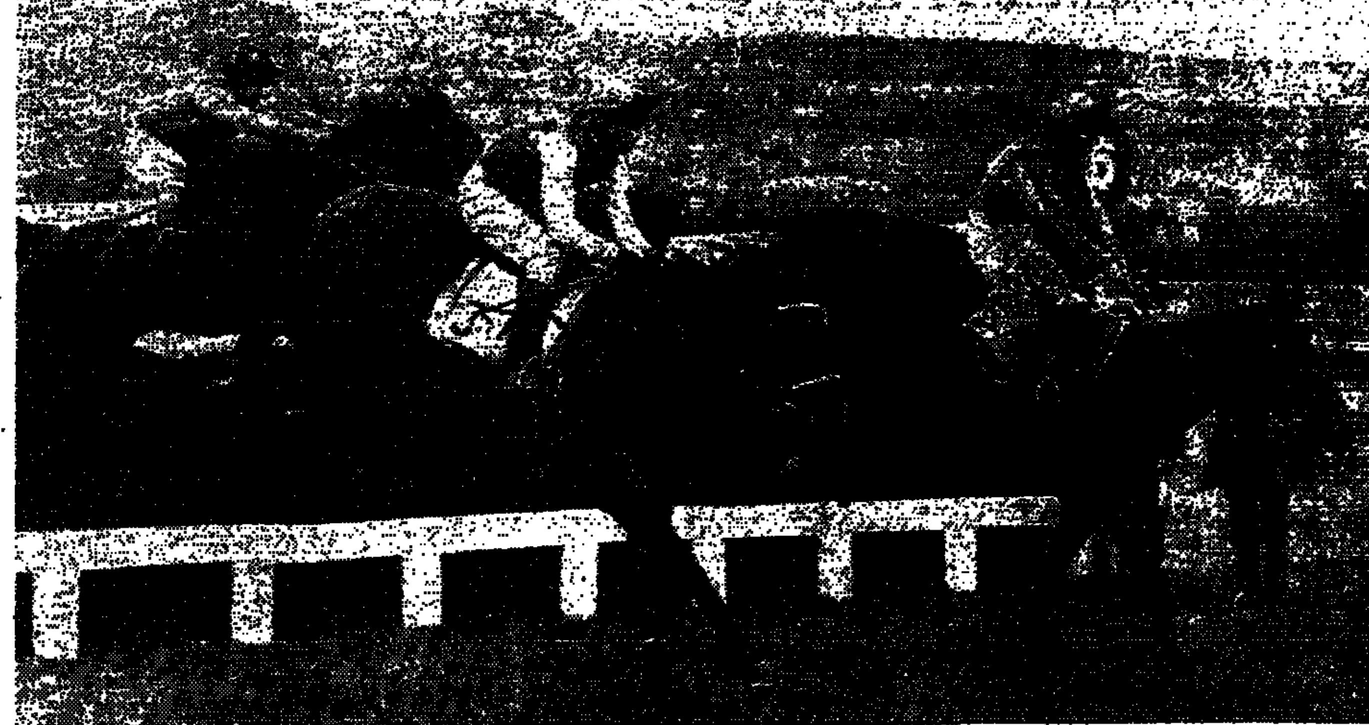
Willie Carson, who rides Efisio, could also take the Rochford Thompson Newbury Stakes on Royal Pet. Dick Hern's filly finished sixth to today's almost certain favourite, Tundra Goose, when that filly won at Newmarket on her debut earlier this month. However, Royal Pet is now 7lb better off and a man as shrewd as Hern would not bother taking the winner on again unless he had good reason to believe his filly could reverse the placings.

Carson will also be the choice of many to win the Great Western Stakes on the Queen's Rough Stones, who made up for a lapse at York when beating the older Cheka in style at Haydock. However, preference is for Rostova, who, in receipt of 5lb, is napped to win this nice prize for Frank Durr.

Rostova was out of her depth in the Princess Royal Stakes at Ascot, although she was far from disgraced in finishing seventh to One Way Street. Before that she has finished second to Kingswick – who has won again since – at Newmarket and had been an impressive winner from another of today's runners, Vital Boy (who is only 2lb better off) over slightly further than today's trip.

In the other competitive handicap on this afternoon's card, the five-furlong Cape Dried Fruit Trophy, Amigo Loco, who followed a York victory with a good fourth to Lucky Dutch at Newmarket, is taken to defy top weight at the expense of the easy Ascot winner, Deputy Head.

The best bet at Redcar could be Gilt Star (3.45) trained by Paul Kelleway and the mount of his daughter, Gay. Ridden by Gay's sister, Sarah, Gilt Star trounced Ruff's Luck at Chepstow on Monday.



Freight Forwarder (left) takes the last on the way to winning Cheltenham's Lydney Novices Chase (Photograph: Chris Cole)

Half Free may return for Mackeson Gold Cup

Half Free, brilliant winner of the Longley Handicap Chase at Cheltenham yesterday was scoring for the third time over the two and a half mile course. He may return there next month to try for No 4 in the valuable Mackeson Gold Cup.

Yesterday's winning combination of Fred Winter, Shaikh Ali Abu Khamsin and Richard Linley won that race two years ago with Fifty Dollars More, who will be entered again. Winter said: "we will see what the weights are like before deciding which to run."

Half Free is only a pony, but is a cracking little horse now he's got his act together" Winter added. John Francome produced the enigmatic Little Bay with perfect timing, but the top weight produced nothing on the flat and finished third.

The champion jockey found Freight Forwarder a much more cooperative mount in the Lydney Novices Chase. Although this 10-year-old has had little experience or schooling over fences, Francome soon had him jumping well and after delaying his effort until crossing the last, they forged four lengths clear of Our Fun on the flat.

Alan Spence, the winning owner, said: "Freight Forwarder has now won 20 races over jumps plus one on the flat. He's been fired twice in the space of two years and spent a long time convalescing with former jump jockey Dennis McCarthy.

Freight Forwarder put Francome on the 44 mark. The leading jockey still looks a good bet to establish a record for the fastest 50. He has until November 10 to get the six winners needed.

● Captain Parkhill qualified for the Aintree Grand National next year when landing the Bantel Ltd Handicap Chase by five lengths from Who's Free at Hexham yesterday. "I have been trying to get Captain Parkhill qualified for three seasons", Brian McLean, the owner-trainer from Morpeth, said. McLean, a former member of the British showjumping team, has been training six seasons.

After Hand Over had won the Maldon Timber Novices Hurdle from Music Be Magic, Mrs Monica Dickinson, the trainer, said that Wayward Lad would reappear at Wincanton next week and Brown's Gazette at Huntingdon on Saturday.

NEWBURY (BBC)

[Televised (BBC I: 3.0, 3.30, BBC2 4.0]

GOING: heavy
DRAW: no advantage
Tote: Double 3.0, 4.0. Treble 2.30, 3.30, 4.30

2.0 READING MAIDEN STAKES (3-y-o c & g: £1,847: 1m 2f) (18 runners)

101 0-00 BENTY HEATH (Miss N Rome) J Bethell 9-0 ... J Johnson 3
102 00430 BRIGADIER JACQUES (A Richards) C Brittain 9-0 ... P Bradwell 17
103 CARMEL STATE (A Goddard) M Prescott 9-0 ... C Nutter 10
104 00000 COLDHARBOUR LAD (E Beever) C Benstead 9-0 ... T Rogers 16
105 000000 COOPERS KING (John Cooper Ltd) G Balding 9-0 ... J Williams 7
106 300400 DERBY DAY (B) (N Spreadbury) D Wilson 9-0 ... B Crossley 9
107 0440 DUNDY (Dr C Vittadini) P Walwyn 9-0 ... N Howe 13
108 0 HAWAIIAN LOVE (Shaikh Mohammed) J Ciechanowski 9-0 ... E Johnson 4
110 4 IRISH FOLLY (M Fustok) O Douieb 9-0 ... Y Georges 15
111 0-00 LETCHWORTH (C Driscoll) C Horgan 9-0 ... E Cullen 6
113 0-0 MARSH HARRIER (A Bodie) G Harwood 9-0 ... J Matthias 12
116 0000 PRINCE OF AMPNEY (B) (Mrs J Wood) D Elsworth 9-0 ... D Gibson 11
117 0 RAMADI DAWN (Shaikh Mohammed) J Ciechanowski 9-0 ... R Street 18
118 RIP AND TEAR (A Corbin) T Bulgin 9-0 ... K Williams 1
121 2-000 SHIPWRIGHT (R Hollingsworth) W Hern 9-0 ... B Proctor 14
122 40 TAP TAP TAP (D Wickins) R Akehurst 9-0 ... R Curant 2
123 0000 TORY (Maj-Gen Sir J d'Avigdor-Goldsmid) J Dunlop 9-0 ... M Wigham 8
124 UNRUFFLED (Mrs G Bronfman) L Cumani 9-0 ... R Guest 5

1983: Man In Grey 9-0 D Gibson (9-2 fav) G Pritchard-Gordon 13 ran.

11-4 Dundy, 4 Irish Folly, 9-2 Shipwright, 11-2 Unruffled, 7 Marsh Harrier, 10 Tap Tap Tap, 12 Brigadier Jacques, 16 others.

FORM: Brigadier Jacques (8-11) beaten well over 7l when out of first 9 behind Troyanos (8-8) at Newmarket (1m 6f, £2889, good to soft, Oct 5, 12 ran). CARMEL STATE (8-11) 14½l 5th to Jamesmead (8-11) at Lingfield (1m 4f, £1839, soft, Oct 19, 13 ran). DUNDY (9-0) 3½l 5th to Maldoror (9-0) at Beverley last time, earlier (9-0) had TORY (9-0) 1l behind when 4½l 4th to Zayoon in Newmarket challenge whip (8f, good to firm, May 4, 6 ran). IRISH FOLLY (8-8) 5½l 4th to Primavera Dancer (5-5) at Yarmouth (1m £826, good, Sept 19, 16 ran). MARSH HARRIER (9-0) 12l 7th to Against The Grain (9-0) at Kempton (1m 4f, £2322 good, July 18 8 ran). SHIPWRIGHT (9-7) out of first 10 behind Old Hubert (8-12) at Folkestone (1m 4f, £1663, good to soft, Oct 17, 19 ran). BENTY HEATH (8-4) had TORY (8-4) just behind when 7th to Exuberine (8-5) at Warwick (8f, £1783, good, Oct 16, 21 ran).
Selection: IRISH FOLLY.

Newbury selections

By Mandarin
2.0 Irish Folly. 2.30 Lord Hippo. 3.0 Royal Pet. 3.30 Amigo Loco. 4.0 Efisio. 4.30 ROSTOVA (Nap).

By Our Newmarket Correspondent
2.0 Irish Folly. 2.30 Purchasepaperchase. 3.0 Capo di Monte. 3.30 Sharpish. 4.0 Assemblyman. 4.30 Vital Boy.

By Michael Seely
3.0 Tundra Goose. 3.30 Deputy Head. 4.30 WIDDICOMBE FAIR (Nap).

2.30 THEALE MAIDEN STAKES (2-y-o: £3,670: 6f) (22)

202 0 DISTANT CHIMES (P Kilkenny) D Murray-Smith 9-0 ... M Wigham 2
204 GAY CAPTAIN (Sir M Sobell) W Hern 9-0 ... W Carson 12
205 3 LORD HIPPO (BF) (T Holland-Martin) R Houghton 9-0 ... S Cauthen 4
206 MIRACLES TAKE TIME (Mrs D Skinner) D Elsworth 9-0 ... A McGlone 13
207 MONDANITE (K Abdulla) J Tree 9-0 ... Pat Eddery 10
209 NEW BARNET (A Finney) J Sutcliffe 9-0 ... W R Swinburn 20
210 3 PADDYSTOWN (R Lambert) P Cundell 9-0 ... L Piggott 17
211 00 PERILLES (P Wetzel) B Swift 9-0 ... R Fox 9
212 0 QUANTUM (G Strawbridge) I Balding 9-0 ... B Raymond 1
213 02 THREE BELLS (H Joel) H Candy 9-0 ... J Matthias 18
214 00 UP TOWN BOY (T Burrage) J Holt 9-0 ... P Waldron 7
215 WESSEX (D Tylden-Wright) N Vigors 9-0 ... P Cook 15
216 WITCHCRAFT (E Moller) G Wragg 9-0 ... G Starkey 22
218 CREETOWN STAR (J Brown) W Wightman 8-11 ... S Whitworth 5 11
219 CRIMBOURNE (J Bailie) J Dunlop 8-11 ... B Rouse 5
220 0 FLAME FLOWER (R Hall) N Kernick 8-11 ... R Street 21
221 00 JACET (Mrs J Hines-Dedman) J Holt 8-11 ... E Johnson 6
222 0 KENDIE BLUE (Mrs E Richards) C Austin 8-11 ... A Clark 8
223 LYRA (Mrs E Longton) M Smyly 8-11 ... J Mercer 14
224 PURCHASEPAPERCHASE (J Bray) R Armstrong 8-11 ... T Rogers 19
226 0 REST AND WELCOME (Lady T Agnew) G Balding 8-11 ... W Higgins 3
228 VIRGINIA COURT (Shaikh Mohammed) J Ciechanowski 8-11 ... G Baxter 16

1983: (Div I): Turn The Key 8-11 A Kimberley (4-1 fav) J Winter 16 ran.
(Div II): Cremets 8-11 L Piggott (6-4 fav) J Dunlop 17 ran.

7-4 Lord Hippo, 3 Gay Captain, 5 Quantum, 7 Mondanite, 8 Three Bells, 12 Witchcraft, 20 others.

FORM: DISTANT CHIMES (9-0) over 10l 8th to Silent Treat (9-0) at Folkestone (6f, £1134, good to soft, Oct 16, 20 ran). LORD HIPPO (9-0) ¾l to Steeerpike (9-0) at Sandown with QUANTUM (9-0) 2½l back in 5th and PERILLES (9-0) last of 11 (5f, £1804, good to soft, Oct 15). PADDYSTOWN (8-3) 3l 3rd to Racing City (8-9) at Warwick (5f, £684, good, Oct 16, 20 ran). THREE BELLS (9-0) 2l 2nd to Stella Grande (8-11) at Wolverhampton (5f, £725, good to soft, Oct 8, 11 ran). JACET (8-8) out of first 9 behind Raabenham (9-0) at Goodwood (6f, £2206, soft Oct 2, 12 ran).
Selection: LORD HIPPO.

3.0 ROCHFORD THOMPSON NEWBURY STAKES (2-y-o fillies: £6,341: 7f 60yd) (7)

302 011 PIRATE LASS (BTRB Plc) C Nelson 8-12 ... S Cauthen 6
303 1 THALESTRIA (A J B Stable) M Jarvis 8-12 ... B Raymond 3
304 1 TUNDRA GOOSE (Shaikh Mohammed) H Cecil 8-12 ... L Piggott 4
305 13 CAPO DI MONTE (Maktoum Al Maktoum) M Stoute 8-8 ... W R Swinburn 2
307 CHEHANA (Ahmed Salman) J Dunlop 8-5 ... B Rouse 5
308 RIVER SPEY (P Mellon) I Balding 8-5 ... P Cook 1
310 9 ROYAL PET (Sir M Sobell) W Hern 8-5 ... W Carson 7

1983: Betsy Bay 8-8 B Raymond (6-1) M Jarvis 14 ran.

2 Tundra Goose, 11-4 Pirate Lass, 7-2 Capo Di Monte, 5 Thalestria, 8 Royal Pet, 12 others.

FORM: PIRATE LASS (8-11) beat Daniyar (9-7) a short head at Ascot (7f, £7398, good to soft, Oct 12, 13 ran). THALESTRIA, (8-8) pushed out to beat Bold And Beautiful (8-8) at York (7f, £4090, good to soft, Oct 13, 9 ran). TUNDRA GOOSE (8-11) beat Starlight Night (8-11) at Newmarket, ROYAL PET (8-11) 5l away 6th (8f, £4911, good, Oct 4, 27 ran). CAPO DI MONTE (9-1) 1½l 3rd to Sunera (9-1) at Goodwood (6f, £2686, good, Sept 14, 13 ran).
Selection: TUNDRA GOOSE.

3.30 CAPE DRIED FRUIT TROPHY (Handicap: £4,908: 5f) (17)

402 003314 AMIGO LOCO (B) (D) (J Li) K Brassey 3-9-12 (8 ex) ... R Hills 5
403 320001 CREE BAY (D) (D Spencer) J Spearing 5-9-11 (8 ex) ... W Carson 16
404 140201 DEPUTY HEAD (C) (D) (P Callard) J Holt 4-9-8 (8 ex) ... P Waldron 4
405 003030 SHARPISH (D) (R Richmond-Watson) B Hobbs 4-9-7 ... G Baxter 9
406 002000 SINGING SAILOR (D) (Introgroup Holdings Ltd) R Hannon 5-9-6 ... A McGlone 1
407 410210 SOUND OF THE SEA (CD) (Mrs A Norman) W Wightman 5-8-6 ... S Whitworth 5 7
408 240040 ARDROX LAD (D) (Shaikh Al Nahayan) M Blanshard 4-9-4 ... W R Swinburn 3
409 221000 LITTLE STARCHY (D) (J Fletcher) P Ashworth 6-8-4 ... C Rutter 7 15
411 040344 FAIR TEST (D) (Lady Dunphie) I Balding 3-8-1 ... Pat Eddery 14
412 1-30200 KELLYS REEF (B) (D) (R Mohammed) E Eldin 3-8-0 ... E Guest 5 13
414 410000 MANIMSTAR (S Brewer) P Makin 4-8-10 ... S Cauthen 17
416 204100 BARNET HEIR (CD) (S Crowe) B Swift 6-8-4 ... G Dickie 5 8
417 4-00000 SHANLEYS STYLE (B) (D) (Mrs C Orme) Mrs C Reavey 4-8-3 ... S Dawson 5 6
418 0-10000 SCHULA (D) (J Greaves) H O'Neill 4-8-1 ... B Crossley 10
419 120002 HOLLOWAY WONDER (D) (D Rowland) B McMahon 4-7-10 ... E Johnson 2
420 430210 WILL GEORGE (B) (D) (BF) (R Scott) C Horgan 5-7-8 ... R Fox 11
421 004003 SHADES OF BLUE (Canewdon Consultants) M Blanshard 3-7-7 ... N Adams 5 12

1983: Cheri Berry 4-8-3 T Quinn (10-1) W Wightman 14 ran.

9-2 Little Starchy, 5 Deputy Head, 6 Shades Of Blue, 7 Cree Bay, 9 Sound Of The Sea, Singing Sailor, 12 Holloway Wonder, 14 Barnet Heir, 16 Amigo Loco, Ardrox Lad, 20 others.

FORM: AMIGO LOCO (8-12) 7l 4th to Lucky Dutch (8-12) at Newmarket (6f, £5,774, good, Oct 19, 20 ran). CREE BAY (9-13) beat Emergency Plumber (8-9) by 2l at Pontefract, ARDROX LAD (10-0) badly hampered and consequently 12th (5f, £2,813, good, Oct 15, 15 ran). DEPUTY HEAD (9-7) beat Yangtse-Kiang (7-9) by 1½l at Ascot, SINGING SAILOR (9-1) 2l away 6th, SOUND OF THE SEA (8-13) very close 8th, SHARPISH (9-1) a head away 9th and LITTLE STARCHY(8-11) out of first 10 (5l, £9,385, good to soft, Oct 13, 22 ran). Earlier SOUND OF THE SEA (9-1) beat ARDROX LAD (10-0) by 2½l here (5f, £2,694, good, Aug 16, 11 ran). MANIMSTAR (9-7) 12th to Bold Fort (8-6) last week, earlier (9-7) beat Manchesterskytrain (7-7) a short head at Bath. ARDROX LAD (9-10) a very close 4th (5.5f, £2,704, good, June 4, 15 ran). SHADES OF BLUE (9-0) 1l 3rd to Crosby Hill (9-10) at Wolverhampton. WILL GEORGE (8-12) 3l away 10th (5f, £1,819, good to soft, Oct 9, 18 ran).
Selection: ARDROX LAD.

4.0 HORRIS HILL STAKES (Group 3: 2-y-o: £15,108: 7f 60yd) (5)

501 01 ASSEMBLYMAN (Sir P Oppenheimer) G Wragg 9-0 ... Pat Eddery 3
503 111 EFISIO (Mrs M Landi) J Dunlop 9-0 ... W Carson 4
506 130011 TICKLY BENDER (Farthing Co Ltd) R Armstrong 9-0 ... L Piggott 2
507 102 VERTIGE (B) (D Wildenstein) H Cecil 9-0 ... S Cauthen 5
508 121 YOUNG RUNAWAY (S Niarchos) G Harwood 9-0 ... G Starkey 1

1983: Elegant Air 9-0 S Cauthen (4-1) I Balding 7 ran.

10-11 Young Runaway, 3 Efisio, 5 Vertige, 8 Assemblyman, Tickly Bender.

FORM: ASSEMBLYMAN (8-11) beat Grayfoot (8-4) ¾l at Doncaster (7f, £8,550, good to soft, Sept 12, 12 ran). EFISIO (9-4) beat Tyrollie (7-9) 1½l in Ascot Nursery (6f, £6,659, good, Sept 29, 13 ran). TICKLY BENDER (9-7) beat Our Jock (8-1) a short head at Newmarket (7f, £5,634, good, Oct 20, 19 ran). VERTIGE (8-11) 1½l 2nd of 6 to Zaizafon (8-8) at Newcastle (7f, £15,673, good to firm, Aug 14). YOUNG RUNAWAY (9-0) beat Sharp Romance (9-0) 2l at Doncaster (7f, £37,368, good to soft, Sept 14, 6 ran).
Selection: YOUNG RUNAWAY.

4.30 GREAT WESTERN HANDICAP (3-y-o: £3,331: 1m 5f 60yd) (19)

601 100341 ROUGH STONES (The Queen) W Hern 9-8 (6 ex) ... W Carson 19
602 102042 AXIOS (Mrs H Cambanis) B Hobbs 9-7 ... B Raymond 10
603 000304 RISK ALL (BF) (Lavinia Duchess of Norfolk) J Dunlop 9-7 ... B Rouse 11
604 211004 RASSEEMA (HH Aga Khan) R Houghton 9-2 ... S Cauthen 4
605 01021d VITAL BOY (I Thoday) J Winter 9-1 ... S Whitworth 5 15
607 431120 ROSTOVA (W Gredley) F Durr 9-0 ... G Starkey 7
610 402210 WESTERN DANCER (Roldvale Ltd) C Horgan 8-10 ... P Cook 18
611 010221 OLD HUBERT (E Annetts) A Bailey 8-10 (6 ex) ... S Dawson 5 1
612 0-00311 WIDDICOMBE FAIR (Col J Berry) I Balding 8-10 (6 ex) ... Pat Eddery 8
614 0042 BELLAGIO (L Holliday) H Candy 8-5 ... C Rutter 7 13
615 030000 MANDOWN LAD (P Bourke) K Brassey 8-3 ... R Hills 12
616 033001 MILTON BURN (A Richards) D Hanley 8-2 (6 ex) ... G Baxter 5
617 004000 MR GREGORY (A Leiper) G Balding 8-1 ... R Curant 14
618 310134 PACIFICUS (Hesmonds Stud) P Walwyn 8-1 ... N Howe 3
620 210022 MERDON MONARCH (B) (BF) (J Smith) R Sheather 7-13 ... R Cochrane 9
621 03403 MISK (Shaikh Mohammed) J Ciechanowski 7-13 ... R Street 2
622 000033 ISLAND MILL (Mrs I Balding) I Balding 7-11 ... E Johnson 16
623 000003 AQUARIUS SPIRIT (BF) Mrs W Fine) W Musson 7-9 ... B Crossley 6
624 000-00 SHIELDAIG (B) (W Dobson) P Cundell 7-7 ... R Fox 17

1983: Insular 3-9-5 S Cauthen (11-4 fav) I Balding 12 ran.

4 Vital Boy, 5 Risk All, 11-2 Rough Stones, 7 Widdicombe Fair, 8 Pacificus, 10 Old Hubert, Bellagio, 12 Rasseema, Axios, 16 others.

FORM: ROUGH STONES (8-12) beat Cheka (7-12) at Haydock (2m, £3,179, good, Oct 17, 8 ran). RISK ALL (11-6) about 5½l 4th of 12 to Timsah (9-12) in Ascot amateurs' stks (1m 4f, £2,729, good to soft, Oct 13). RASSEEMA (9-3) 11l 4th of 12 to Claudius Crozet (9-7) at Haydock (1m 4f, £2,901, soft, Oct 18). VITAL BOY (8-7) disqualified after making all at Newmarket (1m 6f, £5,064, good, Oct 18, 12 ran). ROSTOVA (8-3) 7th of 11 to One Way Street (8-7) in Ascot Group 3 event (1m 4f, £1,478, good to soft, Oct 13). OLD HUBERT (8-12) beat Sandyla (7-13) 4l at Folkestone (1m 4f, £1,663, good to soft, Oct 16, 19 ran). WIDDICOMBE FAIR (8-12) beat Recamier (8-8) ¾l at Sandown (1m 6f, £1,858, good to soft, Oct 15, 11 ran).
Selection: VITAL BOY

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GOING: good to firm

2.15 WINSHILL NOVICE HURDLE (Div I: £548: 2m 1f) (15 runners)

2 p00-1 ROYAL REPRIEVE B Morgan 6-11-5 ... G Williams 7
4 BACKLOG J Dalton 6-10-12 ... J Suthern
7 000- MASTER VULGAN P O'Connor 5-10-12 ... A Stringer
8 NONSTOP P O'Connor 5-10-12 ... G McCourt
9 1-4 SIDVIC M Oliver 5-10-12 ... R Dunwoody
11 0 VOYANT R Perkins 5-10-12 ... Dai Williams
13 0r FALGORA (BF) J Thomas 4-10-11 ... M Williams
14 p00- KEMALOCK Miss A King 4-10-11 ... J Burke
16 ROTHERLEIGH J Leigh 4-10-11 ... -
17 0p-0 ROY'S HOUSE Earl Jones 4-10-11 ... J Bryan
18 03 THE KRACK F Yardley 4-10-11 ... R Crank
20 00-03 VALLEY JUSTICE C Trietline 4-10-11 ... R Stronge
21 pfpp- MOONSWELL W G Morris 7-10-7 ... W Morris 4
22 SALARA'S DREAM Mrs K Coulman 6-10-7 ... D Wills 7
23 p SAUCY ALICE M James 5-10-7 ... C Cowley 7

1983: Townley Stone 4-10-7 G McCourt (11-8 fav) J Webber 19 ran.

5-2 Voyant, 7-2 Royal Reprieve, 9-2 Valley Justice, 5 Sidvic.

Uttoxeter selections

2.15 The Krack. 2.45 Greenacres Joy. 3.15 Lorentino. 3.45 Knock Hard. 4.15 Restless Shot. 4.45 Gembridge Jupiter.

2.45 BRANSTON SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE (£654m 1f) (11)

1 220f HAWAIIAN HEIR (B) W Clay 5-11-10 ... S J O'Neill
4 0-p11 GREENACRES JOY B Preece 4-11-7 (6 ex) ... W Knox 7
6 000- DRUM MAKER P Clifford 4-10-12 ... P Warner
7 pp40- KALO ASTRO J Wright 5-10-6 ... J Bryan
8 00-0 SLATE D Wintle 5-10-5 ... R Hyett
9 0p-40 DREAM VENTURE R Morris 4-10-3 ... W Morris 4
10 p-40 HAGEN'S BARGAIN F Yardley 4-10-3 ... R rank
11 0-p20 POLEMISTIS (B) M James 5-10-3 ... Sharron James 7
13 0p0-0 WIMPY FRANKHART H Harper 4-10-3 ... Mr R Harper
14 0-424 MISS TALLI R Hartop 5-10-3 ... J Barlow
15 00-00 NATIVE SON J Smith 5-10-3 ... N Fearn 7

1983: Beaming Lass 4-10-8 W Knox (9-4) D Burchell 6 ran.

15-8 Greenacres Joy, 5-2 Miss Talli, 7-2 Hawaiian Heir,

3.15 MICKLEOVER HANDICAP CHASE (£1,732: 3m 2f) (7)

4 0u4-1 LORENTINO (CD) R Francis 7-11-12 (5 ex) ... R Crank
6 1/11- LAST DEAL Mrs M Dickinson 8-11-6 ... NON RUNNER
8 300p- PERSONALITY PLUS R Francis 8-11-4 ... -
11 113-p NATIVE BREAK (C) Mrs W Sykes 7-10-9 ... S Morshead
12 4122 JIMMY MIFF (CD) I Wardle 12-10-4 ... S J O'Neill
14 -023u PRINCE CARLTON (CD) Mrs J Bloom 9-10-0 ... Miss C Saunders 7
16 20-p3 BENNILONG P O'Connor 8-10-0 ... G McCourt

1983: Gold Caste 6-10-0 J Bryan (4-1) P O'Connor 10 ran.

7-2 Lorentino, 9-2 Jimmy Miff, 8 Prince Carlton, 12 Native Break,

3.45 WINSHILL NOVICE HURDLE (Div II: £548: 2m 1f) (11)

2 30-31 AL KHASHAB (C) P Bevan 7-11-5 ... G McCourt
4 0-031 HAND MAID Mrs P Townsley 4-10-13 ... Mr P Townsley
7 020-0 FLUTTERVILLE R Peacock 5-10-12 ... D Browne
9 /31-f KNOCK HARD (BF) Mrs M Dickinson 5-10-12 ... R Earnshaw
13 0000- CRUDEN BAY P Felgate 4-10-11 ... S McNeill
15 4300- ERRIGAL R Hollinshead 4-10-11 ... J J McNeill
16 p0-0 INFINITE STAR (B) J Harris 4-10-11 ... J A Harris
17 000- KILDARE LAD P O'Connor 4-10-11 ... A Stringer
20 00- KATRINA LYNNE J Dooler 8-10-7 ... B De Haan
22 000/ SHARAJEN B Wells 6-10-7 ... Mr M Darby
24 00-p PANROCK M Tate 4-10-6 ... -

1983: State Case 5-11-5 G Bradley (4-9 fav) M W Dickinson 19 ran.

5-4 Knock Hard, 3 Al Khashab, 9-2 Errigal, 8 Hand Maid,

4.15 HORNINGTON HANDICAP CHASE (£1,671: 2m 1f) (4)

1 001-0 RESTLESS SHOT J Webber 9-11-11 ... G McCourt
4 1311 SOME JINKS (D) W Clay 8-11-4 (7 ex) ... S J O'Neill
6 00/r-0 CATHY'S COURTIER (CD) R Peacock 11-11-0 ... D Browne
13 f03-4 GLEN MOY M Barraclough 9-10-0 ... S McNeill

1983: Sea Merchant 6-12-2 J O'Neill (13-8 fav) W A Stephenson 6 ran.

4-5 Some Jinks, 11-4 Restless Shot, 9-2 Glen Moy.

4.45 LADBROKE HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,858: 3m) (13)

1 1122 ASCENMOOR S Bowring 5-11-10 ... D Shaw
4 200-11 GEMBRIDGE JUPITER C Trietline 6-11-4 (6 ex) ... J Suthern
6 2043 MAURICE'S TIP J Jenkins 6-11-2 ... Mr S Sherwood
8 004-0 COVENT GARDEN W Clay 6-10-9 ... S J O'Neill
11 1311 CONCANNAN K Stone 7-10-3 (10 ex) ... NON RUNNER
12 40-11 STAGGERERS LADY (D) W Wharton 7-10-2 ... M Brennan
15 20-44 SHIRLEY GROVE (C) P Bevan 6-10-0 ... G McCourt
16 -1200 NARSTIH J Jenkins 5-10-0 ... D Morris 7
18 000- BASTA R Hollinshead 5-10-0 ... J O'Neill
19 -2013 JAPLING (CD) (BF) J Thomas 6-10-0 ... M Williams
20 100-0 PAPERACER B Preece 5-10-0 ... R Stronge
22 2243/ SPIRIT OF DERWENT D Barons 8-10-0 ... B De Haan
23 0/0 LORDS C Spares 13-10-0 ... Mrs J Barlow

1983: Stay Quiet 10-11-8 N Doughty (4-1 fav) G Richards 20 ran.

3 Gembridge Jupiter, 4 Staggerers Lady, 13-2 Ascenmoor,

Cheltenham results

Going: Good

2.00 (2m hdle) 1. ARCTIC STREAM (K Mooney, evens fav); 2. Play Boy (J Francome, 3-1); 3. Stick Of Rock (H Davies, 11-1). ALSO RAN: 9 Major Anthony (6th), 10 Celtic Storm, 14 Even Deeper (5th), 20 Sizzle (4th). 7 ran. sh hd, 3l, 4l, 30l, 10l. F Walwyn at Lambourn. TOTE: £2.20; £1.50, £1.40. DF: £4.10. CSF: £4.35.

2.30 (2m ch) 1. FREIGHT FORWARDER (J Francome, 7-2); 2. Our Fun (R Rowe, 9-2); 3. Primrose Wood (N Doughty, 15-8 fav). ALSO RAN: 5 Palatinate (6th), 14 Archers Prince (5th), 20 National Image, 25 Fra Mau (4th). 7 ran. 4l, hd, 1½l, 12l, 10l. A J Pitt at Epsom. TOTE: £4.40; £2.00, £1.90. DF: £7.50. CSF: £16.92.

3.05 (2m 4f hdle) 1. DROPSHOT (R Chapman 4-1fav) 2. Alfie Dickins (J J O'Neill 9-2); 3. Little London (R Dunwoody 16-1). ALSO RAN: 9-2 Light Song (6th); Baz Bombati (4th); Lumen (5th); Supper Ready; Cap Too (PU) Shoemender; Man On The Run (PU); Singalong Joe; Brooklands Baby. 12 ran. 1l, 8l, 10l, ½, 2½l. G Balding at Weyhill. TOTE: £3.70; £1.10, £1.60, £2.90, £5.30. CSF: £19.42. TRICAST: £222.25.

3.40 (2m 4f ch) 1. HALF FREE (R Linley, 2-1 fav); 2. Foggy Bucy (J J O'Neill, 7-2); 3. Little Bay (J Francome, 11-4). ALSO RAN: Beamwan (4th); Artimarval (5th) 5 ran. 7l, ½l, 7l, 12l F Winter at Lambourn. TOTE: £2.70; £2.00; £1.20. DF: £3.40. CSF: £8.86.

4.15 (3m ch) 1. SUNLIT RIVER Mr D. Pritchard (4-1); 2. Boyhamm Sir Vardon. Mr S Sherwood (Evens Fav); 3. Sam Wreklin Mr T Reed (2-1). ALSO RAN: Zoro (Fell). 4 ran. NR: Barrysville. 2l, Dist. D F Pitcher at Egham. Tote: £4.90: DF: £3.00. CSF: £8.13. Sam Wreklin unseated three times and finished third.

4.45 (2m hdle) 1. NO-U-TURN M Perrett (8-11 fav); 2. Kentucky Calling (B De Haan (9-2); 3. Western Warrior B J Wright (33-1). ALSO RAN: 5-2 Tachyros (fell). NR: Shuttlecock Darter. 4 ran. 10l, dist. S Mellor at Lambourn. Tote: £1.80. £1.90. DF: £3.00. CSF: £3.92. TOTE DOUBLE: £34.15. TREBLE: £7.75. PLACEPOT: £70.75.

● Doncaster's Premier Yearling Sales will revert to St Leger week in 1985 and be held from September 10-14.

Hexham results

Going: Good to soft

2.15 (2m ch) 1. OLD HEAD (D Nolan, 12-1); 2, Valied City (B Storey, 7-4 fav); 3, Colourfull Paddy (Mr K Darby, 7-1). ALSO RAN: 100-30 Birsby (5th), 9-2 Straight Down (6th), 10 Coeur Vaillant (4th), 33 Dom Mancini. 7 ran. Sh hd, 4l, 5l, 6l, 7l. P Monteith at Rosewell. Tote: £10.10; £2.10; £1.50. DF: £6.50. CSF: £30.84.

2.45 (2m hdle) 1. FRANKNESS (D Jones, 3-1 fav); 2. Warren Gorse (W Hayes, 7-1); 3. Gradwood (M Alston, 16-1). ALSO RAN: 5 Kindred, Gun (pu), 7 Gorsky, 8 Ascot Again (4th), 1⁄4 Nectar Blanc (6th), 20 High Barn (5th), Leonora, Fine Bird (pu). 11 ran. 1l, hd, 6l, 8l 6l. P Monteith at Rosewell. Tote: £4.00; £1.70, £2.60, £6.50. DF. £19.60. CSF: £23.38. TRICAST: £252.73 Bought in 900 gns.

3.15 (2m ch) 1. THELMAS SECRET (M Barnes 3-1); 2. Rejuvenator (D Coakley, 5-2); 3. Sir Badsworth (M Brisbourne, 8-1). ALSO RAN: 9-4 fav Always Hopeful (4th), 14 Gold Camp (6th), 20 Another Flame (UR), 25 Rogue Hermes (PU). 50 Dusky Sunshine (UR), Colle (5th), 9 ran. 5l, 5l, 1l, dist 15l. T A Barnes at Penrith. TOTE: £4.10; £1.10, £1.70, £1.30, DF: £4.60. CSF: £10.28.

3.45 (2m hdle) 1, HAND OVER (R Earnshaw, 15-8 fav); 2, Music Be Magic (D Coakley, 11-4); 3, Ida's Delight (D Browne, 9-2). ALSO RAN: 9 Turkana, 12 Wind Chimes (4th) 14 Dover (6th), Secret Lake (5th) 25 Magical Moment, 33 Count Blythe, Gold Lame, General Lee, Nickel Drum (fell), Rash Prince, Tyneside. 14 ran. 2½ l, 2½ l, 12l, 2½ l, 12l. Mrs M Dickinson at Harewood. TOTE: £3.30; £1.30, £2.00, £2.70. DF. £3.50. C.S.F. £7.64.

4.15 (3m chase) 1. CAPTAIN PARKHILL (C Grant, 4-1); 2. Who's Free (B Storey, 6-1); 3, Succeeded (Mr P J Dun, 11-2). ALSO RAN: 11-4 fav Young Ash Linn (pu), 6 Chef Marcel (pu), 9 Run'n Fly (fell), 20 The Engineer (4th), Pampas Demon (5th). 8 ran. 10l, 30l, 6l. B McLean at Morpeth. TOTE: £5.40; £1.90, £1.50, £1.40. £8.20. CSF: £24.54.

4.45 (2m hurdle) 1. MALISTRANO (G Charles-Jones 8-11 fav); 2. Banna's Retreat (P A Charlton, 12-1); 3, Darra (P Dever, 14-1). ALSO RAN: 6 Video Boom, 15-2 Jal-Alai (5th), 10 Rookbarugh, Saxon Radio, 14 Rossy For Sport (6th). 25 Eternal Dancer, Hello Henry. 33 Carrie's Fella, Double Line, Major Skite, Moon Melody, Ritas Love, The Manor, Wallside Harbour, Yafiskari, Gapam Girl, Helen's Choice (4th), Merrywren. 21 ran. 4l, 2l, 3l, 2l, ¾l. S Mellor at Lambourn. TOTE: £2.00; £1.60, £8.30, £2.40. DF: £96.70. CSF: £13.71. PLACEPOT: £8.10.

● Bedtime, trained by Dick Hern, has been confirmed as a definite runner in the Japan Cup in Tokyo on November 25. Princess Pati, winner of the Irish Oaks, who was to have run in the Tokyo event before being retired to stud, will now miss the race and be kept in training next season.

REDCAR

GOING: good
Draw: no advantage

1.45 CUB HUNTERS SELLING STAKES (3-y-o: £881: 1m 4f) (9 runners)

1 0012 HIGH REEF (C,D,B) (BF) Hbt Jones 9-0 ... M Hills 7
2 0000 HIS HOUSE Hbt Jones 9-0 ... G Brown 7 9
3 000 MOUNT WARA C Tinkler 9-0 ... M Birch 5
4 0 RUN WEST M H Easterby 9-0 ... K Hodgson 8
5 00 AB DABH B McMahon 8-11 ... T Ives 6
7 0020 GENZYME GENE (B) D Dale 8-11 ... A Bond 2
8 034-0 HARDWICK AMBER W Wharton 8-11 ... W Wharton 1
10 02 MARAMORE A Jarvis 8-11 ... J Lowe 3
12 0000 SOIXANTE QUINZE (BF) W Musson 8-11 ... R Sidebottom 4

1983: Champagne Mandy 8-11 S Perks (8-1) R Hollinshead 9 ran.

7-4 Soixante Quinze, 11-4 High Reef, 7-2 Maramore, 9-2 Run West, 10 Genzyme Gene, 14 others.

Redcar selections

By Mandarin
1.45 Soixante Quinze. 2.15 Withy Bank. 2.45 Swiss Franc Sweety. 3.15 Walter-Kohring. 3.45 Gilt Star. 4.15 Pepeke. 4.40 Double Benz.

By Our Newmarket Correspondent
1.45 Soixante Quinze. 2.15 Killary Bay. 2.45 Nigel's Angel. 3.15 To Oneiro. 3.45 Ride the Skies. 4.15 Pepeke. 4.40 Changandor.

2.15 RUSWARP MAIDEN STAKES (Div I: 2-y-o: £687: 1m) (17)

3 0 BOGAZKOY W Wharton 9-0 ... W Wharton 5
11 0040 ELEGANT PORT T Fairhurst 9-0 ... C Coates 5 9
17 034 GRUNDY LANE J FitzGerald 9-0 ... R Brown 7 7
21 402 KILLARY BAY E Eldin 9-0 ... A Mackay 4
24 00 NEKOT PRINCE K Stone 9-0 ... G Brown 7 1
26 PEACE TERMS Miss S Hall 9-0 ... - 11
28 POWER PLAN O Douieb 9-0 ... A Lequeux 10
30 000 RECRUIT IN TIME R Whitaker 9-0 ... J H Brown 7 1
32 0000 SADIN J Leigh 9-0 ... - 8
34 00 SILVER DUCAT J Gilbert 9-0 ... A Bond 6
35 0440 SMOKEY GEM R Hollinshead 9-0 ... S Perks 13
37 00 THE LODGE PRINCE M Ryan 9-0 ... P Robinson 14
38 TREYARNON S Norton 9-0 ... J Lowe 3
40 0 WITHY BANK M Stoute 9-0 ... A Kimberley 16
45 003 RUSTLING D Arbuthnot 8-11 ... G Duffield 17
48 0 TROY MOON M Jarvis 8-11 ... M L Thomas 12
49 0020 WARREN ROW B Hills 8-11 ... M Hills 2

1983: Cri De Coeur 8-11 G Starkey (5-2 fav) F Durr 13 ran.

3 Warren Row, 7-2 Withy Bank, 4 Grundy Lane, 5 Power Plan, 8 Killary Bay, 10 Rustling, 16 others.

2.45 REDCAR OCTOBER HANDICAP (3-y-o: £1,887: 1m 2f) (18)

2 0140 REED PLAYER (D) W Elsey 9-7 ... J Lowe 3
4 0010 CAPTAIN VIGILANTE J Etherington 9-5 (7 ex) ... G Duffield 18
8 0200 RIVER LINNET M Lambert 8-13 ... N Carlisle 13
10 0300 SWISS FRANC SWEETY (D) M W Easterby 8-10 ... M Hindley 5 9
11 0044 HUAPANGO (B) J W Watts 8-9 ... N Connorton 11
12 0000 DOZARIO J Jefferson 8-9 ... M Birch 16
13 1003 SUNAPA'S OWLET A Jarvis 8-8 ... D Nicholls 4
14 0001 BOB-DOUBLE R Whitaker 8-8 (7 ex) ... S Perks 8
16 0002 SOUTHERN DYNASTY P Mitchell 8-7 ... R McGhin 2
18 0110 GODS LAW A Smith 8-6 ... - 15
19 0014 PRINCE OBERON (D,B) W Haigh 8-6 ... T Ives 9
20 0000 FAIRY BLUEBIRD R Armstrong 8-6 ... G Saxton 12
24 0000 FIRST CRY N Vigors 8-3 ... P Bloomfield 5 14
26 3020 RELKISHA C Brittain 8-1 ... - 7
27 -0400 LITTLE EGRET R Armstrong 8-1 ... M L Thomas 10
28 0-000 MICKY FOX W Wharton 7-13 ... W Ryan 3 1
29 0013 NIGEL'S ANGEL (D,B) A Bailey 7-12 ... D Fowler-Wright 7 6
30 000- BILLILOV Denys Smith 7-12 ... M Fry 17

1983: Bertha 8-8 B Taylor (6-1) R Baker 17 ran.

9-2 Sunapas Owlet, 5 Southern Dynasty, 6 Gods Law, Prince Oberon, 7 Bo-Double, 8 Reed Player, 10 Little Egret, Relkisha, 14 Huapango, Nigels Angel, Swiss Franc Sweety, 16 others.

3.15 REDCAR AUTUMN HANDICAP (£2,222: 6f) (25)

3 0000 SHARLIE'S WIMPY (D) W Pearce 5-9-11 ... S Buckton 7 21
4 0100 STERN (C,D) Mrs G Reveley 8-9-11 ... - 2
6 -1200 INDIAN SIGN (D) J W Watts 3-9-7 ... G Duffield 6
7 0-324 BLESSIT W Pearce 4-9-7 ... N Connorton 18
9 0400 MENDICK ADVENTURE Denys Smith 3-9-6 ... M Fry 13
10 0000 TO ONEIRO (D) R Armstrong 3-9-5 ... G Saxton 11
11 0400 KNIGHTS SECRET (C,D) M H Easterby 3-9-5 ... G Craggs 7 12
13 0030 COUTURE LEG AFFAIR R Woodhouse 3-9-3 ... K Darley 24
15 003/0 FRIENDLY FUN (D) N Crump 9-8-1 ... - 23
17 0000 OUT OF HAND (D) D Dale 5-8-13 ... M L Thomas 1
18 4002 CHAPLINS CLUB (BF) R Thompson 4-8-12 ... - 10
21 0000 BOARDMANS DELIGHT (C,B) S Norton 3-8-6 ... J Lowe 8
23 0230 POKERFAYES (D,B) (BF) B McMahon 5-8-8 ... T Ives 7
24 2300 WALTER-KOHRING (B) M Ryan 3-8-8 ... J McLaughlin 3
25 0230 SHIELA CROCKATT M W Easterby 3-8-7 ... M Hindley 5 17
26 0000 STYLOGRAM (B) J Etherington 3-8-6 ... M Wood 19
27 3000 MAGIC MUSHROOM (D) J Mason 3-8-4 ... - 4
28 0000 CAMBRIDGE LODGE K Stone 3-8-3 ... Paul Eddery 20
34 0304 EASTBROOK M H Easterby 4-8-0 ... L Charnock 9
35 000-0 RIBBLE STAR W C Watts 3-7-12 ... C Coates 5 5
36 0000 VEE BEE (C,D) D Leslie 5-7-12 ... T Quinn 25
37 0400 OFF YOUR MARK (D) G Calvert 4-7-11 ... S P Griffiths 5 14
38 0000 PRIMULA BOY (D) W Bentley 9-7-11 ... - 15
40 4000 CAPTAIN'S BIDD L Lightbrown 4-7-9 ... P Robinson 10
41 3430 GO SPECTRUM G Calvert 4-7-7 ... A Proud 22

1983: Vee Bee 4-7-10 C Nutter (15-2) D Leslie 22 ran.

7 Chaplins Club, 8 Out Of Hand, 10 Pokerfayes, 12 Indian Sign, Eastbrook, 14 Blessit, Mendick Adventure, Knights Secret, 16 Walter-Kohring, Boardmans Delight, Sharlies Wimpy, Off Your Mark, 20 others.

3.45 ELLERBY STAKES (3-y-o: £1,604: 2m 115yd) (15)

1 2102 ALDO KING P Cole 9-5 ... T Quinn 9
2 0000 BASKET WEAVE A Jarvis 9-0 ... D Nicholls 12
3 00- J R DISCOUNTS M Lambert 9-0 ... C Dwyer 4
4 0040 JUST QUAIL (B) S Norton 9-0 ... J Lowe 11
5 0002 OLD ALEX C Brittain 9-0 ... P Robinson 5
6 0-043 QUIET FALL M Camacho 9-0 ... - 8
7 3-434 RIDE THE SKIES O Douieb 9-0 ... A Lequeux 15
8 0-0 SWIFT REPRISAL M Camacho 9-0 ... N Connorton 3
9 2020 TERN (BF) M H Easterby 9-0 ... M Birch 2
10 0400 TUDOR SINGER (B) M Ryan 9-0 ... T Ives 7
11 0002 VAGUELY SHARP R Armstrong 9-0 ... G Saxton 13
14 0-000 CALYPSO QUEEN G Calvert 8-11 ... L Charnock 1
15 00-0 COBBY CASTLE J Johnson 8-11 ... D Oldham 10
16 0001 GILT STAR P Kelleway 9-2 ... Gay Kelleway 5 6
18 0-000 RITZY GIRL W Wharton 8-11 ... W Wharton 14

1983: No corresponding race.

2 Ride The Skies, 9-4 Vaguely Sharp, 5 Aldo King, 8 Quiet Fall, 10 Tern, 12 Old Alex, 14 Calypso Queen, 16 others.

4.15 EGTON MAIDEN STAKES (2-y-o: £2,342: 6f) (18)

1 ABBEE VALLEY Miss S Hall 9-0 ... - 10
5 HANDCLAP J W Watts 9-0 ... M Hills 15
6 HI-TECH LEADER J Etherington 9-0 ... M Wood 12
7 3 IVORSON M H Easterby 9-0 ... M Birch 3
8 MEMORY MAN C Parker 9-0 ... - 16
9 0 MINDER'S MAN W Pearce 9-0 ... S Keightley 5
10 0 MR KAN F Carr 9-0 ... J Carr 7 7
13 4000 SECRETARYS OFFICE (B) P Mitchell 9-0 ... Paul Eddery 14
14 00 TAKE-A-LOLLIE W Wharton 9-0 ... W Wharton 1
15 00 THE PROTECTOR C Tinkler 9-0 ... L Charnock 17
16 4 THIRTEENTH FRIDAY W Pearce 9-0 ... N Connorton 8
18 0042 BOLD WAY W Bentley 8-11 ... D Nicholls 18
19 CALL AGAIN W Elsey 8-11 ... J Lowe 2
22 03 PACIFIC PRINCESS J Etherington 8-11 ... T Ives 9
23 0002 PEPEKE G Pritchard-Gordon 8-11 ... G Duffield 13
24 3030 SOUND WORK W Bentley 8-11 ... - 4
25 SUPREME RIVER J Etherington 8-11 ... - 6
26 0 VENETIAN SKY R Armstrong 8-11 ... P Robinson 11

1983: Mr Chromacopy 9-0 G Starkey (2-1 fav) G Harwood 19 ran.

11-4 Pepeke, 4 Bold Way, 9-2 Ivorson, 8 Venetian Sky, Pacific Princess, Handclap, 10 Thirteenth Friday, 14 Call Again, 16 others.

4.40 RUSWARP MAIDEN STAKES (Div II: 2-y-o: £687: 1mm) 16)

4 03 CHANGANOOR C Brittain 9-0 ... P Robinson 1
5 0000 COMRADE KEMPINSKI (B) S Norton 9-0 ... W Ryan 3 3
6 0 COOMBE FOREST E Eldin 9-0 ... A Mackay 11
8 000 DIGGER BOY Miss L Siddall 9-0 ... G Oldroyd 15
9 022 DOUBLE BENZ M H Easterby 9-0 ... M Birch 7
14 00 FOSSABUD F Watson 9-0 ... - 5
16 0 GREAT SCOTT K Stone 9-0 ... C Dwyer 16
18 0000 HAPPY CASH W Bentley 9-0 ... D Nicholls 10
23 00 MR STEADFAST J Leigh 9-0 ... - 9
25 20 NO LIMIT R Hollinshead 9-0 ... S Perks 14
27 0 PILALCO (B) J W Watts 9-0 ... T Ives 8
33 00 SILVER CANNON S Norton 9-0 ... J Lowe 4
39 0 WATFORD GAP J Toller 9-0 ... M Banner 2
41 02 COCKED HAT SUPREME Miss S Hall 8-11 ... - 6
42 0 GOLNESSA M Lambert 8-11 ... D Oldham 13
44 20 MISS NEVER HYDE P Kelleway 8-11 ... Gay Kelleway 5 12

1983: Cri De Coeur 8-11 G Starkey (5-2 fav) F Durr 13 ran.

7-4 Double Benz, 5 Changanoor, 13-2 Silver Cannon, 8 Miss Never Hyde, Cocked Hat Supreme, 10 No Limit, 12 Coombe Forest, 20 others.

TAUNTON

GOING: good to firm.

1.30 WIVELISCOMBE NOVICE HURDLE (Div I: £523: 2m 1f) (14 runners)

1 -01p0 IN SLIPS C Miller 5-11-11 ... G Charles-Jones 4
2 -0012 CLEVER ANGLE (B) B Forsey 4-11-10 ... P Croucher 7
3 FLAME'S GAME N Mitchell 5-11-1 ... N Coleman 7
4 020y TURKOMAN D Sasse 5-11-1 ... C Brown
5 p2 AIR CADET J King 4-11-0 ... Steve Knight
6 0f-3p CONOR'S ROCK D Tucker 4-11-0 ... B Powell 4
8 LUCKY BICKINGTON F Gilard 4-10-0 ... J Nolan
9 NORTHERN TALK J Old 4-11-0 ... -
10 0-042 OUR WHITE HART (B) N Vigors 4-11-0 ... J Francome
13 p0 VIVRE POUR VIVRE J Baker 4-11-0 ... H Davies
15 43b- GOLFE W Price 5-10-10 ... G Davies
16 SANMERINO SOL M Stephens 5-10-10 ... P Scudamore
18 p0-0p JAHUALA W Sleeman 4-10-9 ... L Bloomfield 4
19 ZARNINA C Wildman 4-10-9 ... Philip Hobbs

1983: Lion Hill 6-10-11 Mr J White (6-1) N Henderson 16 ran.

5-2 Our White Hart, 7-2 Turkoman, 4 Northern Talk, 7 Clever Angle,

Taunton selections

By Mandarin
1.30 Air Cadet. 2.0 Arras Girl. 2.30 Swingletree. 3.0 Airwair. 3.30 Housemistress. 4.0 Ruler On A Lark.

2.0 TAUNTON CASTLE CONDITIONAL JOCKEY'S NOVICE SELLING HURDLE (£420: 2m 3f) (13)

1 0p0-2 BOLD RODERICK D Burchell 5-10-12 ... S Davies
3 2232/ ISLE OF SHONA M Pipe 5-10-12 ... P A Farrell
5 2232/ LIFT HIGH D Tucker 5-10-12 ... C Hopwood
6 0-030 MATHEMAGICIAN (B) W R Williams 4-10-11 ... R Arnott
7 0430- NESTOR MAN Miss P O'Connor 4-10-11 ... C Warren
8 0003 ARRAS GIRL (B) O O'Neill 5-10-7 ... M Caswell
10 00pu LILLE B Forsey 5-10-7 ... P Croucher
11 0p/0f Remful Donna N R Mitchell 5-10-7 ... N Coleman
12 0-p00 TOT OF BRANDY R Hodges 5-10-7 ... S Earle
13 -0060 ETOILE D'ARGENT J Jenkins 4-10-6 ... H Jenkins
14 0p00- ROMAN A CLEF J Harriman 4-10-6 ... D Chinn
15 0pf0 SILVER RIBBON T Keenor 4-10-6 ... M Mulligan
16 p000- TUDOR ROOT R Crellin 4-10-6 ... J Wathen

1983: Far Patrick 4-10-7 D Chinn (50-1) D Tucker 10 ran.

9-4 Bold Roderick, 11-4 Isle Of Shona, 9-2 Lift High, 6 Arras Girl,

2.30 GRUNWICK NOVICE CHASE (£1,564: 2m 3f) (16)

3 CROWMAN N Mitchell 6-11-2 ... B Powell 4
10 04pp FLYING GEORDIE J Cobden 7-11-2 ... S Shilston
14 2334 HOPEFUL COURAGE T Hallett 8-11-2 ... B Wright
15 /02-p2 HOPE GAP (B) B Wise 8-11-2 ... R Rowell
16 uof- JOHNRUMS W Dennis 7-11-2 ... P Leach
21 024-s QUINNER P West 8-11-2 ... Mr S West
24 f0-0 ROYSCAR J Chanin 7-11-2 ... Mr R Chanin 7
25 1fu4 SAN BENITO W R Williams 7-11-2 ... A Jones 7
28 fp-2u SWINGLETREE (BF) F Walwyn 8-11-2 ... K Mooney
30 0000/ VANTER BOY J Thorne 6-11-2 ... P Dever 4
32 b2p-p BRIGADIER ROSE M Stephens 5-11-0 ... P Scudamore
36 p-u LAUGHTER LINES K Bishop 5-11-0 ... P Richards
39 3412 FIRM CONVICTION (C) W Turner 7-10-11 ... Miss T Turner 7
40 p GILDED GAMBLE J Wilkinson 7-10-11 ... Mrs J Mills
42 400p LOST VALLE (D) T Keenor 7-10-11 ... L Bloomfield 4
44 000-f MISS ABWAH D Scott 5-10-9 ... J Frost

1983: No corresponding race.

5-4 Swingletree, 3 Firm Conviction, 4 San Benito, 7 Hope Gap,

3.0 WIVELISCOMBE NOVICE HURDLE (Div II: £534: 2m 1f) (15)

1 00-03 AIRWAIR R Hodges 5-11-1 ... R Linley
3 0344 BILL SANDERS T Hallett 5-11-1 ... B Wright
4 LOHENGRIN M Salaman 5-11-1 ...
7 2-003 BRYMA B Palling 4-11-0 ... A Griffiths 4
8 r00- GAMBLING BOY Mrs R Kennard 4-11-0 ... N Coleman 7
9 0p-04 RAGUSTAR D Oughton 4-11-0 ... P Double
12 221 TROPICAL MIST (B) D Elsworth 4-11-10 ... C Brown
13 0p0b- WARWICK BLUE (B) L Kennard 4-11-0 ... -
14 202 CASSIO LIL D Burchell 5-10-10 ... G Davies
15 p CHIMING Mrs E Harden 6-10-10 ... S Shilston
16 00-40 CORAL WINGS L Kennard 5-10-10 ... B Powell 4
17 04- DEEP COACH D Gandolfo 5-10-10 ... M Harrington
18 0p3p- EMERALD FLIGHT R Eckley 5-10-10 ... A O'Hagan
21 000-0 TENNIS TRACK M Stephens 6-10-10 ... Philip Hobbs
23 KIRBY CROSS M Stephens 4-10-9 ... Mrs C Budd

1983: Evens Tropical Mist, 7-2 Airwair, 5 Deep Coach, 7 Cassio Lil, Ragustar, Bryma, 14 Bill Sanders, 16 others.

3.30 THURSDAY HANDICAP CHASE (£1,548: 3m 1f) (8)

5 /0f23- HOUSEMISTRESS R Harper 9-11-7 ... Miss R Harper
6 32-21 PAY FREEZE (D) S May 8-11-6 (7 ex) ... S May
7 1-122 MARCHANT J Thorne 12-11-2 ... P Dever 4
10 -2344 MASTER SMUDGE (CD) N Thomson 12-10-7 ... R Hoare
14 04u3 SABI (B,CD) N Thomson 10-10-0 ... Mr J Mitchell
15 3432 MAGGIE DEE R Frost 7-10-0 ... J Frost
16 0/0pp EGGINGTON J Parfitt 6-10-0 ... P Carvill
17 3242 BARGELLO SON N Kernick 7-10-0 ... George Knight

1983: Round The Twist 7-10-8 R Rowe (4-1 fl-fav) D Oughton 11 ran.

9-4 Marchant, 11-4 Pay Freeze, 4 Master Smudge, 7 Maggie Dee, 12 Bargello Son, 14 Housemistress, Sabi, 25 Eggington.

4.0 LADBROKE'S HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,585: 2m 3f) (24)

1 0003- LOOK AT THAT J Thorne 6-11-12 ... P Dever 4
3 001-b RULER ON A LARK J Edwards 4-11-9 ... P Barton
4 011-b DICK'S REVENGE W Fisher 5-11-7 ... J Francome
6 0211- PERHAPS LUCKY D Elsworth 7-11-5 ... R Arnott 7
7 2102- LORIOT G Thorner 7-11-5 ... R Kington
8 04-11 DEO GRATIAS M Pipe 9-11-5 (7 ex) ... -
11 001-3 OUI MONSIEUR J Bosley 10-10-11 ... Mr M Bosley 7
12 3100- POLISH J Spearing 6-10-10 ... R Dickin
13 00-00 PLAZA TORO (C) S Pattemore 5-10-9 ... S Smith Eccles
14 1pf0- RHEINFORD J Old 8-10-9 ... -
17 0321- PRINCESS ISIS B Forsey 6-10-6 ... P Croucher 4
18 0020/ GOLD FLOOR J Bradley 7-10-5 ... G Davies
19 14- WILL DO WELL E Witts 6-10-5 ... C Mann
22 4040 FENNY BOY (B) L Cottrell 10-10-1 ... George Knight
23 113/0 DIDDELO B Wise 7-10-0 ... R Rowell
24 210- ALLIED NEWCASTLE D Elsworth 4-10-0 ... C Brown
26 -2210 MISS SHAMROCK S Christian 4-10-0 ... W Newton 4
27 03-p GUARD THE FORT (B) Mrs C Seymour 4-10-0 ... C Cox 7
28 4000 TESTING TIMES Miss S Waterman 6-10-0 ... Miss S Waterman
29 0004/ RACHEL STREET (B,CD) J Harriman 8-10-0 ... C Gray
30 2f1-1 TOO FAMILIAR C Wildman 4-10-0 ... Philip Hobbs
31 000/ AMBERARIES J Baker 9-10-0 ... D Davies
32 0000- GOLDEN CYMBAL (B) I Wardle 9-10-0 ... K Mooney
35 f/p KIVAC O Henley 8-10-0 ... NON-RUNNER

1983: Atatsho 7-10-13 S Smith Eccles (5-1) S Pattemore 22 ran.

5 Deo Gratias, 6 Perhaps Lucky, 7 Ruler On A Lark, 8 Allied Newcastle, 10 Too Familiar, Oui Monsieur, 12 Look At That, Will Do Well, 14 Miss Shamrock, Fenny Boy, Princess Isis, 16 Plaza Toro, Polish, 20 others.

Today's course specialists

NEWBURY

TRAINERS: H Cecil 42 winners from 117 runners, 35.90%; W Hern 38 from 227, 16.70%; G Harwood 23 from 153, 15.00%.
JOCKEYS: L Piggott 49 winners from 240 rides, 20.40%; B Raymond 25 from 145, 17.20%; Pat Eddery 42 from 259, 16.20%.

REDCAR:

TRAINERS: M W Easterby 19 winners from 158 runners, 11.90%; M H Easterby 24 from 230, 10.40%; Denys Smith 16 from 171; 9.40%.
JOCKEYS: G. Duffield 30 winners from 215 rides, 14.00%; N Connorton 14 from 115, 12.20%; S Perks 15 from 128, 11.70%.

Blinkered first time

NEWBURY: 3.30 Kelly's Reef. 4.0 Vertige. 4.30 Merdon Monarch, Shieldaig.
REDCAR: 2.45 Huapango. 3.15 Boardmans Delight, Captains Bidd. 3.45 Tudor Singer. 4.40 Pilalco.

GOLF

Three-shot advantage for Miss Burton

From Lewine Mair
La Manga

Maxine Burton, of Britain, the winner of a WPGA event in 1980 but currently thirty-sixth in the money list, yesterday surfaced with a 70 - four under par - to take the halfway lead in the Spanish open tournament. With her tally of 143, Miss Burton is three shots ahead of Karin Mundinger, of Canada, and the American Beth Boozer, and four shots clear of Dale Reid, the Scot who has already made certain of winning this year's Order of Merit.

The only indication Miss Burton had that she was going to do rather better than usual this week was "a funny feeling" before she set out on Tuesday.

Her old confidence returned, and by yesterday she was thinking positively from the start. She holed "an impossible 70-footer" from the back of the second green to go one under par and, out in 36 against the card of 37, collected three more birdies on the inward nine, with none more impressive than her [illegible] down the board-ridden 18th.

Miss Burton, aged 27, has won less than £2,000 this season and spoke yesterday of the strain of playing tournament golf "when you owe money."

Miss Mundinger, who was also round in 70 yesterday, came as a pleasant surprise. She hit the ball the proverbial mile and, though she laughs at [illegible] she meant what she said when she announced that it is her intention to be the best golfer in the world.

LEADING SCORES (GB unless stated): 143: M Burton, 73, 70. 146: B Boozer (US), 74, 72; K Mundinger (Can), 76, 70. 147: D Reid, 72, 75. 148: S Alison, 75, 74. [illegible] Comstock (US), 77, 73. [illegible] M Thomson, 76, 75; A Nicholas, 74, 77; P Conley (US), 76, 75.

Faldo faces the best in the world

Kurimoto, Japan (Reuter) – Twenty-six leading golfers from nine nations, including the leading US moneywinner, Tom Watson, will take part in a tournament which is being called the World Golf Championship, starting here today.

Other prominent players competing for the 20m yen (some £59,000) first prize in the tournament include the Americans, Lanny Wadkins and Calvin Peete, as well as the Open champion, Severiano Ballesteros, and the leading European money-winner this year, Bernhard Langer.

The new event, stroke-play over 72 holes, is being held at the 6,798-yard Oak Hills Country Club near Tokyo. Britain will be represented by Sam Torrance, winner of three events in 1984, who is second on the European money list, the Italian and Barcelona Open winner, Sandy Lyle, and Nick Faldo, winner of this year's Heritage Classic.

Greg Norman leads the Australian contingent, which also includes David Graham, Graham Marsh, Terry Gale and Bob Shearer. There are also five Japanese, including Isao Aoki.



Watson: leads US challenge

SHOW JUMPING

Britain lifted by Smith's two clear rounds

Landover, Maryland (Reuter) – Two clear rounds by Robert Smith helped Britain finish second behind the United States in the Prix de Nations class at the Washington International Horse Show here last night.

The United States scored only 12 faults in the competition, compared with 18½ from Britain and 22½ from Canada, who finished third. The victory, the first for the United States in the eight-day show, put them into first place in the international team standings with 29 points, followed by Britain with 24 and Canada with 13.

Others to complete clear rounds apart from Smith on Sanyo Shining Example were Hugh Graham of Canada, on Abraxas and three of the four members of the United States team, Leslie Burr on Albany, Joe Fargis on Touch of Class and Melanie Smith on Calypso.

Smith, a 23-year-old Yorkshireman, heads the international contingent in with eight points. Burr is second with five and Gail Greenough, of Canada, is third with four.

HOCKEY

Some degree of success for university

By Sydney Friskin

London University secured their first point in the London League yesterday, in a 1–1 draw with Surbiton at Motspur Park. They had lost their previous match 2–1 to St Albans.

On a wet and tricky surface, London gained early reward for their enthusiasm when Thompson put them into the lead after 10 minutes. But five minutes later Marchant scored a well-taken goal for Surbiton to level the score.

London put Surbiton under considerable pressure in the last 10 minutes of the game and forced five short corners.

Oxford University, playing their first game in the league, drew 1–1 with Reading at the Parks. Tim Monks, last year's captain, gave Oxford the lead 10 minutes after the interval, but five minutes before the end Bonnington scored for Reading.

CRICKET: PAKISTAN CONTAIN INDIA AT START OF SECOND TEST

Recalled Qadir quick to make his presence felt

Faisalabad (AFP) – Despite a confident start by the opening batsmen, Sunil Gavaskar and Anshuman Gaekwad, the Indian touring party were restricted to 216 for four here yesterday on the opening day of the second match of the three Test series against Pakistan.

The specialist leg spinner, Abdul Qadir, who missed the drawn first Test because of a dispute with the Pakistan selectors, took the first two wickets, and contained the Indian batsmen.

Gaekwad played a very aggressive innings and was the day's top scorer, hitting 74 runs off 166 balls with the help of 10 boundaries. The out-of-form Sandeep Patil, formerly India's most effective batsman, regained some of his flair and scored an undefeated 42.

Gavaskar, the captain, and Mohinder Amarnath were out after scoring 35 and 37 runs respectively. Since the wicket is not helping the bowlers, the Indians are expected to enhance their score.

Gavaskar won the toss and chose to bat first on a wicket which is known for good scoring. Gavaskar and Gaekwad shaped up well and punished every delivery that came short or loose, putting on 88 before being separated 20 minutes before lunch, when Gavaskar failed to read Qadir's googly. The ball popped up in front of the record-breaking Indian batsman and Qasim Omar, fielding close in, held a brilliant catch.

By then, Gaekwad had completed his half-century, studded with eight forceful hits to the rope. Dilip Vengsarkar, joining him, was out cheaply for five to Qadir soon after lunch. The medium pace bowler, Manzoor Ilahi, who yesterday became the 101st Pakistani to win a Test cap, took the precious wicket of Gaekwad, who offered a return catch for 74.

The touring side were then 148 for three. Amarnath and Patil pushed the score to 166 at tea without further loss, though the run rate dropped after the three wickets fell, and the visitors added only 69 runs between lunch and tea.

Just after tea India suffered a severe setback, when they lost the hero of Lahore, Amarnath, who, while hitting a bouncer from Azeem Hafeez, went sprawling and broke his wicket.



Amarnath: fell on his wicket

INDIA: First innings

A Gaekwad c and b Manzoor Elahi	74
*S M Gavaskar c Qasim Omar b Abdul Qadir	35
D Vengsarkar c Mohsin Khan b Abdul Qadir	5
M Amarnath hit wkt Azeem Hafeez	37
S M Patil not out	42
R J Shastri not out	8
Extras	15
Total (four wkts)	216

Kapil Dev, Madan Lal, †S M H Kirmani, Chetan Sharma and Shivlal Yadav to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-88, 2-100, 3-148, 4-170

BOWLING: Jalaluddin, 15-2-34-0; Azeem Hafeez, 21-5-47-1; Mudassar Nazar, 7-2-16-0; Manzoor Elahi, 14-2-47-1; Abdul Qadir, 22-4-60-2; Salim Malik, 1-0-2-0.

PAKISTAN: Mohsin Khan, Mudassar Nazar, Qasim Omar, Javed Miandad, *Zaheer Abbas, Salim Malik, Manzur Elahi, †Ashraf Ali, Abdul Qadir, Jalaluddin and Azeem Hafeez.

Umpires: Mehboob Shah and Amanullah Husain.

West Indies with time to entertain sunbathers

Adelaide (Reuter) – The West Indians survived an early setback in their innings before gaining a seven-wicket win in a one-day, limited overs match against a South Australian Country XI in Loxton, north-east of here, yesterday.

Set 166 to win, the West Indians passed the target for the loss of three wickets. To the delight of the 7,000 spectators basking in the warm sunshine, they continued batting, finishing on 230 for five after 40.5 overs.

The West Indians, who had restricted the Country side to 165 for eight in the allotted 50 overs, lost their openers, Greenidge and Haynes, for 37. But Richardson, who remained unbeaten on 87, and Gomes (42) added 78 runs for the third wicket.

Earlier the Country XI batsmen had struggled, despite the West Indians' leisurely approach. There was, however, a spirited partnership for the eighth wicket, McCallum and Penn putting on 86.

SOUTH AUSTRALIAN COUNTRY XI

A Gutsche l-b-w b Baptiste	4
R Ellis c Payne b Holding	10
G Murdoch c Logie b Harper	19
T Butler st Payne b Harper	8
N Quirk c Baptiste b Harper	15
R Johnston l-b-w b Gomes	10
A Minnis st Payne b Logie	0
G McCallum c Davis b Gomez	45
C Penna not out	39
P Stewart not out	5
Extras (lb-6, nb-4)	10
Total (8 wkts, 50 overs)	165

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-10, 2-31, 3-47, 4-47, 5-72, 6-74, 7-74, 8-160.

BOWLING: Holding, 6-3-10-1; Davis, 6-1-11-0; Baptiste, 5-4-6-1; Walsh, 8-0-32-0; Harper, 9-2-27-3; Gomes, 11-1-39-2; Logie, 5-1-34-1.

WEST INDIANS

G Greenidge c Johnston b Bilney	14
D L Haynes lbw b Penna	13
R B Richardson not out	87
H A Gomes c Bilney b Stewart	42
A G Logie c Johnston b Butler	44
T Payne c Stewart b Gutsche	21
Extras (lb-3, w-2, nb-4)	9
Total (5 wkts, 40.5 overs)	230

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-19, 2-37, 3-115, 4-188, 5-230.

BOWLING: Bilney, 10-0-52-1; Penna, 9-1-47-1; Minnis, 8-0-34-0; Stewart, 5-0-42-1; Butler, 8-0-40-1; Gutsche, 2.5-0-12-1.

SQUASH RACKETS

World opens up for a Shropshire lad

By Colin McQuillan

When David Lloyd emerged from summer's junior world championship with badly blistered hands and feet but only second place in both the individual and team competitions, his coach, Jonah Barrington, implied the experience would make the British Under-19 champion a more combative opponent. The latest in a growing list of top players adding involuntary weight to that suggestion is the England No 1, Hiddy Jahan, who lost 9–4, 9–6, 10–8 in 45 minutes to the Shropshire lad in the Premier League fixture between Edgbaston Priory and Squash Leicester, yesterday.

It has not been the best of months for Jahan. He lost to Gawain Briars in an earlier round. Today he will learn that lack of tournament results has removed him from the England rankings, now jointly headed by Gawain Briars and Geoff Williams, and dropped him to sixth place on the world list, in which the young Australian, Chris Dittmar, has moved up to second place.

Lloyd is 19 today, but he could be forgiven for believing all his squash birthdays are arriving at once. In today's new English rankings, Lloyd moves from thirteenth to fifth place, and on the world list he jumps eight places to twenty-sixth.

At Bristol, Geoff Williams led Manchester Northern to a 5–0 victory over the young Redwood Lodge side, emphasizing the importance of Jahan's unexpected defeat at Birmingham in taking over league leadership from Leicester by a single point.

PREMIER LEAGUE RESULTS: Edgbaston Priory (Birmingham) 2, Squash Leicester 3; Nottingham 5, Armley (Leeds) 0; Redwood Lodge (Bristol) 0, Manchester Northern 5.

English Rankings: 1, G Briars and G Williams; 3, P Kenyon; 4, D Pearson; 5, D Lloyd; 6, M Bodimead; 7, A Naylor; 8, J Hickox; 9, C Wilstrop, 10, B Watkins

World rankings: 1, Jahangir Khan (Pak); 2, C Dittmar (Aus); 3, Qamar Zaman (Pak); 4, D Williams (Aus) and S Davenport (NZ); 6, H Jahan (Eng); 7, M Ahmed (Pak); 8, G Pollard (Aus); 9, R Norman (NZ); 10, R Thorne (Aus).

Other English positions: 11, G Briars, 13, G Williams; 16, P Kenyon, 28, D Lloyd.

RACKETS

Boone closes in on world champion

By William Stephens

William Boone, the British Open and amateur champion, hopes to meet John Prenn, the world champion, in the final of the Manchester Gold Racquet tournament at the Tennis and Racquet Club this Sunday and avenge his 4-1 defeat by Prenn in the last major singles encounter in this country. That was the Open Championship in April 1983, after which Prenn, aged 31, succumbed to the back injury that forced him to postpone Boone's world challenge from last season to November 24 and December 1.

The first leg is to be played at the Montreal Racket Club, where the court is fast and true; the North American rule of one service will apply. The second leg will be at Queen's Club, whose court is faster than last year following refurbishment.

The record of their encounters in the 13 finals of the British Open and amateur championships that they have contested shows that Prenn has won nine – 38 games to Prenn and 25 to Boone. Last season Prenn's closest rival closed the gap in major UK titles held. Boon, aged 34, now holds two British Open tites to Prenn's five, and they are now level at four British amateur titles each. In North America Boon has fared better: of the seven matches they have played Boone has won four to Prenn's three.

Below the exalted level at which these two play rackets, others are making their mark – none more so than James Male, the winner, when at Radley, of the H. K. Foster Cup in 1980 and 1981, and the losing finalist to Boone in last year's Manchester Gold Racquet. This brilliant exponent of double-handed play is, at the age of 20, one of the most exciting prospects to be seen for many years. Julian Snow, successor as public schools singles champion and a fellow Radleian, is being encouraged to keep up his rackets while at City University. Both are sharpening for the Noel Bruce Cup, which begins on November 1.

Snow is an example of a number of talented players who find it difficult to continue the game after reaching the highest level of schoolboy rackets – a problem which prompted the sport's sponsors, Celestion Loudspeakers, to conceive a scheme to subsidize until the age of 25 membership and court fees for the playing of all standards of rackets at Queen's, Manchester and Seacourt, Hayling Island.

Opportunities for those who have not attended a rackets school to play the game are being extended through the increasingly popular "evening town clubs" attached to Clifton, Harrow, Winchester and now Charterhouse, often beginning with free introductory lessons and borrowed rackets. Manchester Grammar School boys are learning at the tennis and racquet club with Sports Council support, and for the first time two of their boys entered the public schools championships last season.

The public schools are the seedbed of the game, and last December 35 boys were denied the opportunity to enter the singles championships because there was only one court operational at Queen's Club. Serious consideration is now being given to reopening the second court, and the Tennis and Rackets Association have offered to raise the necessary funds to finance the restoration – to be completed, it is hoped, in time for the centenary of Queen's Club in 1986. This extra facility is seen as the key to further development of rackets in the schools and afterwards.

The noble v the savage on the riverbanks

By Conrad Voss Bark

FISHING

That great writer and fisherman, Eric Linklater, once said that after he had caught a salmon on a trout rod when all conditions were against it he felt no need to justify his life for at least 24 hours afterwards. The feeling came, he thought, from long-buried atavistic instincts in himself of one of his Pictish ancestors who had gone fishing.

It is certainly an interesting thought that when we take up a trout rod all our cavemen ancestors, who are probably feeling a bit over crowded by now as they cram our bloodstream, or wherever they hung out, are pumping up out adrenalin or bile, or whatever they need to pump, and cheering us on like mad from the sidelines.

If this is true then perhaps one reason for going fishing is to placate these restless savages of ours from time immemorial have shouted their war cries. On the other hand, we would be wise to be cautious. The theory, if that is what it is, of the killer in the blood must have a wider application than in field and stream. Are the almost nightly battles that we have seen on television of the miners fighting outside the pits the work not of themselves but of some pelasgian ancestor, some early trade unionist in Thrace? is some Cro-Magnon tribal chieftain the daemon that whispers in Mr Scargill's ear?

If indeed it is our ancestors and not ourselves who are shouting scab and bonking the police it might be an excuse bur hardly an exculpation. Most of us would reject the idea that we are completely helpless in the fact of ingerited transgressions. So far as fishermen are concerned, we know that we are not. The savage in us is frequently frustrated and often consciously kept at bay.

The case, reported only the other day, of the fly fisherman who caught 37 salmon in a week and released 35 of them, keeping only two for himself and his friends. That would have put a damper on the bloodlust of a Leakey man, to say the least. One imagine that sub-human creature watching all these salmon swimming away to freedom through the eyes of his human and sophisticated descendant and gnashing whatever is now his equivalent of teeth.

The primitive is indeed not the only reason for going fishing, nor the only urge to which fisherman consciously or unconsciously give way. We are drawn as much to the beauty as well as the savagery of the wilde.

There is also the matter of an escape from the pressures of city life in which rivers are more of a therapy than anything else. There is a good deal of truth in the saying that there is more to fishing than catching fish. It is also true that there is more to fishing than catching fish. It is also true that there is more to fishing than killing them.

Date for Tate

New York (AFP) – Frank Tate, the United States' Olympic light-middleweight gold medal winner in Los Angeles, will make his professional debut in Houston, Texas, against Mike Puccirelli over six rounds on December 7.

Tate's amateur boxing record was 125 victories and 19 defeats.

TODAY'S FIXTURES

FOOTBALL

CENTRAL LEAGUE: First division: Blackburn Rovers v Manchester United (7.0); Sheffield Wednesday (7.0); Liverpool v Sheffield United (7.0).

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LEGAL NOTICES

No. 006587 of 1984
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE CHANCERY DIVISION
IN THE MATTER OF C. & W. WALKER HOLDINGS p.l.c.
and
IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ACT, 1948

NOTICE is hereby given that a Petition was on the 4th day of October 1984 presented to Her Majesty's High Court of Justice for the confirmation of the reduction of the capital of the above named Company from £1,500,000 to £1,098,560.60.

And Notice is hereby given that the said Petition is directed to be heard before the Honourable Mr Justice Harman at the Royal Courts of Justice, Strand, London on Monday the 5th day of November 1984.

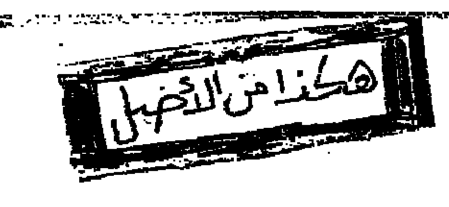
Any Creditor or Shareholder of the said Company who desires to oppose the making of an Order for the confirmation of the said reduction of capital should appear at the time of hearing in person or by Counsel for that purpose.

A copy of the said Petition will be furnished to any such person requiring the same by the under-mentioned Solicitors on payment of the regulated charge for the same.

Dated the 18th day of October 1984

WALTONS & MORSE
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Mrs C. Shaw
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Applications, with the names of two referees, should be made by 16 November 1984 to:

The Executive Secretary (ref. CKRV)
The Royal Society
6 Carlton House Terrace, London, SW1Y 5AG
Further information is available on request.

Other Appointments

Also on pages 29, 32 and 33

The United Nations has designated 1985 as International Year for Youth to highlight the needs and aspirations of young people. The Children's Society propose to establish this important project as part of its contribution to this Year.

'THE WALES CENTRE FOR JUVENILE JUSTICE'
CAERPHILLY, MID GLAMORGAN

DIRECTOR SOCIAL WORK CONSULTANT

Salaries for both posts will reflect the importance of the project. Car provided.

The aim of this new Centre is to reduce substantially the number of young offenders who receive Care of Custodial sentences in Wales. This will be pursued with support from an Advisory Committee composed of representatives from the statutory agencies and the Wales Intermediate Treatment Forum. Methods used to achieve this aim will vary, dependent upon the skills of the Director and Consultant, but must include the provision of a specilist training / advice consultancy for practitioners and policy makers and should stimulate community based alternatives to care and custody.

It is intended that the Centre will monitor developments, trends, statistics and good practice across the country and provide information to assist with planning and projections.

This Centre is launched, following 12 months' discussion and consultation with agencies and individuals already involved in work with young offenders in Wales, and is an attempt to respond to their hopes, aspirations and advice. Although the facilities of the project will be available to all agencies in Wales, it does complement an increasing number of Intermediate Treatment projects developed by The Children's Society in partnership with Local Authorities.

Applications for the post of Director and Social Work Consultant are now invited. Candidates must be able to demonstrate that they can communicate effectively with all levels of staff in agencies concerned with young offenders, must have relevant qualifications and considerable experience of work in the juvenile justice system. Knowledge of recent developments in practice, policy issues and law is essential and exprience of management and/or research within juvenile justice would be beneficial. Welsh-speaking candidates particularly welcome.

The Centre will be based in the offices of the Wales Council for Voluntary Action at Llys Ifor, Caerphilly.

Applicants may be considered for both posts and informal enquiries and application forms from: John Dease, Principal Officer (Community Initiatives), Church of England Children's Society, A.M.F. House, Whitby Road, Bristol BS4 3 QF. Tel. (0272) 773781). Closing date: 5th November, 1984. Interviews for the Director will be held on 15th November, 1984.

The Children's Society.

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W. E. REEVE
Deputy Secretary

50 Finsbury Square,
London, EC2A 1DD
October 25 1984.

COMPANY MEETING NOTICES

THE SHIPWRECKED FISHERMEN AND MARINERS' ROYAL BENEVOLENT SOCIETY

The one hundred and forty-fifth annual general meeting will be held at Fishmongers' Hall, London EC4 (by permission of the Company) on Wednesday, November 21, at 11.30 a.m. V.G. Austin is general secretary. 1, North Pallant, Chichester, West Sussex.

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Current driving licence necessary.

Closing date for completed applications 21 November, 1984.

Salary £10,000pa.

Write for details and application form, stating preference for one of named regions, to:
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Christian Aid,
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Relocation expenses are payable in certain cases and assistance with temporary housing will be considered. The post carries an essential car user allowance.

Write for applications for the above post, including S.A.E. to the Personnel Department,
NORTH TYNESIDE METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL,
7 Northumberland Square,
North Shields NE30 1QQ.
Closing date: 12th November 1984.

North Tyneside

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Please apply in writing, giving full details to: Festival Director, Edinburgh Festival Society, 44 Chandos Place, London, WC2N 4HS.

Closing date 31st October.

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A formal qualification in computing / information technology plus at least two years relevant experience is ideally required. An appointment may be made at a lower grade, however, for a candidate with less experience. Iain Duncan (on 061-236 9456, ext. 381) will be pleased to discuss this post with you.

Application forms and further details may be obtained from the Regional Personnel Officer, North Western Regional Health Authority, Gateway House, Piccadilly South, Manchester M60 7LP. Telephone 061-236 9456, ext 425. Please quote reference number 304A. Closing date November 14, 1984.

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Personnel Officer

(PO2 £11,388 – £12,30
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Further particulars and applications forms are available from the Clerk to the Governors, North East London Polytechnic, Romford Road, London, E15 4LZ.

Closing date for applications: 16 November 1984.

NELP North East London Polytechnic
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Legal Appointments

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Please apply with full c.v. to:
Personnel Department,
Linklaters & Paines, Barrington House,
59/67 Gresham Street, London EC2V 7JA.

LINKLATERS & PAINES

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London

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Highly developed communication and negotiation skills would prove an asset.

In addition to an attractive salary the company provides a very generous benefits package including a car.

Please send full career details to:
Michael Chambers, Chambers & Partners,
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You would be one of a team of ten solicitors and would report to the Chief Assistant Solicitor. Some local government or law centre experience would be desirable. We would welcome applications from those newly qualified.

Job share applications will be welcomed.

Please quote Ref H878/T.

Application forms are available from John Penney, Head of Personnel Services, Town Hall, Mare Street E8 1EA or telephone 01-986 5331 (24 hour answering service) quoting reference.

Closing date 12.11.84.

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(Salary under review)

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The Council is currently in the process of preparing local plans and you will be expected to assist in the stages leading to the adoption of these plans.

The successful candidate is likely to have had some experience of planning work with a local authority but newly admitted solicitors are invited to apply.

If you would like to discuss the post before applying please telephone Mr G Keen on 01-703 6311 ext. 2211.

Southwark is an equal opportunity employer. Applications are welcome from candidates regardless of sex or ethnic origin and from registered disabled persons. Telephone 01-701 2870 (24 hour answering service) any time for an application form, or write, on a postcard to: The Personnel Officer, London Borough of Southwark, 26 Commercial Way, London, SE15 6DG.

Please quote reference T/1/4957 and job title.

Last date for receipt of completed application forms 21.11.84.

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£19,050 – £20,958

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For further details please contact the Chief Executive and Town Clerk, Municipal Buildings, Canterbury Street, Gillingham, Kent ME7 5LA. Telephone Medway (0634) 50021 Extension 249.

Closing date 14th November, 1984.



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Riyadh, Saudi Arabia

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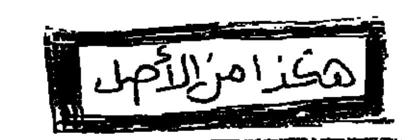
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The Times guide to career development

Lending a corporate expertise

Godfrey Golzen looks at opportunities for managers in secondment

Secondment – sending an officer or senior non-commissioned officer to a different assignment outside his unit for a limited period – has long been established practice in the services, but it is a relatively new concept in management. Now it is being taken up by some of Britain's best known and most successful companies.

Marks & Spencer, ICI, IBM, leading building societies, the clearing and merchant banks, insurance companies and some of the big accounting practices are among the 250 or so active supporters of the two main organizations who are promoting and arranging secondment, Business in the Community and Action Resource Centre.

Their objectives are slightly different. Business in the Community sees its role as providing centralised coordinating support to the growing number of enterprise agencies which have been set up as a link between large national concerns and small local businesses.

Action Resource Centre are also involved in this kind of work through their placing of secondees with business advice centres, but extend their activities into a wider range of community activities, principally those concerned with job creation.

There is a certain amount of enlightened self interest behind the support these bodies are getting. Major companies are recognising that no one is an economic island and that high unemployment, in taking purchasing power from sections of the community, has a domino effect on the local fortunes of even national chains. To help stimulate recovery by lending out corporate expertise conveys, therefore ultimate benefits as well as being desirable from a social point of view. Furthermore, says ARC director Cecilia Allen, sponsor companies have found there is a valuable spin-off in terms of publicity. "Press coverage of local initiatives invariably mentions secondees and the firms they come from."

Secondment has been found to be a useful way of moving executives close to retirement, but principally it is being promoted as a form of mid career development: more valuable, some firms consider, than sending a person to a business school. This is not only because the experience they get is strictly at the sharp end, but because it covers such a wide range of problems.

"When an accountant or a bank manager is seconded to a business advice centre, he's going to be faced with every kind of question from marketing to employment law," says Cecilia Allen. "He will come out with a far more rounded picture of the business environment in which his employer operates than he could ever get in the kind of specialist function into which executives almost invariably slot in mid career. "Also from the personal point of view there could be no better antidote to mid life crisis when it's tied up with career problems."

This is equally true of the community oriented activities that ARC fosters – for instance, sending secondees to run youth training schemes or those concerned with the rehabilitation of offenders, or with working with the disabled. There too the range of problems they might have to cope with is almost infinitely stimulating. "They might have to do anything from setting up bookkeeping systems and training programmes to persuading employers to overcome their prejudices against some minority group by direct advocacy or by talking to and writing for the media." The underlying theme, however, is always for the secondee to teach others the job of leadership as well as learning it for him or herself. "We don't want people just to come in and run things for a while and then leave a vacuum behind them."

Same salary

Selecting secondees is a very important aspect both for Business in the Community and Action Resource Centre. "It's not a way for companies to get rid of dead wood," Ms Allen stresses. "As well as interviewing secondees ourselves we also introduce them to the people on the project they'll be working on. It's only when everything clicks that we accept them."

Secondment usually lasts for 6-18 months, during which time the original employer keeps the secondee on the payroll at exactly the same salary and terms as before. Now ARC are working with about 100 secondees, covering an amazingly wide range of occupations.

Apart from the accountants and bankers who are usually attached to business advice centres, there is, for instance, an insurance salesman who is helping with the unemployment problems of ethnic minorities, a policeman involved in training car mechanics and an engineer teaching information technology to unemployed school leavers. Incidentally, ARC practice what they preach. Their own deputy director is a secondee from the Department of the Environment who is getting experience administering an organisation which maintains ten offices throughout the country supervising the various local activities.

Very often the secondees return to their companies intellectually refreshed and with enhanced promotion prospects. But Ms Allen says that what employers get out of secondment depends very much on what they put into it.

"If at the end of the period all they can say is 'oh, so you're back' it's unlikely they'll derive much benefit. They should try to establish systematically what the secondee has learned, not only in terms of his or her own development, but also what the lessons are for the employer – for instance how a company's products and activities are viewed out there in the market." Producing a detailed report at the end of the secondment period is an important part of the exercise.

A longer look

ARC and Business in the Community are charitable bodies, but at least one significant private sector consultant, Imbucon, are also convinced of the potential of secondment. As well as lending out their own staff to clients for extended periods in functional as well as consultative roles, they are also now hunting heads for secondment to senior jobs – even at managing director level.

Imbucon's Ray Smith believes this trend will grow. "In times of economic uncertainty companies are nervous about making long term plans. Taking on a secondee gives them a chance to see how things develop as well as creating an opportunity to take a longer look at someone they might want to take on permanently. Working with someone who is seconded to you had to be an infinitely better way of seeing how they'll fit in than a couple of interviews."

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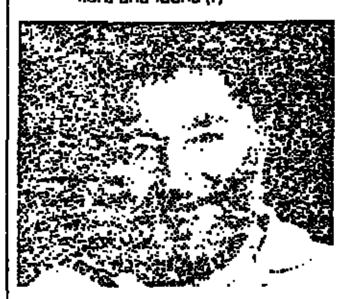
6.00 Ceefax AM. News headlines, weather, traffic and sports bulletins. Also available to viewers with television sets without the teletext facility.
6.30 Breakfast Time with Frank Bough and Selina Scott. News from Fern Britton at 6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00 and 8.30 with headlines on the quarter hours and at 8.59; sport at 6.40 and 7.40; regional news, weather and traffic at 6.45, 7.15, 7.45 and 8.15; programme choice at 6.55; a review of the morning newspapers at 7.18 and 8.18. Plus Richard Smith answering viewers' phone-in medical queries and Glynn Christian's cookery hints.
9.05 Taking Sides. The second programme in the 'radiovision' series (this programme is broadcast simultaneously with Radio 4) discusses the topic of 'The Power of the Police'. Lord Justice Scarman is among those taking part in the debate which coincides with the revised police and criminal evidence bill's reading in the House of Commons 10.00 Ceefax. 10.30 Play School, presented by Ben Thomas (r). 10.50 Ceefax.
12.30 News After Noon with Richard Whitmore and Moira Stuart. 12.57 Regional news (London and SE only: Financial report followed by news headlines with subtitles).
1.00 Pebble Mill at One with guests, comedian Dave Allen, Gay Search with advice on debt and how to avoid it and music from Buddy Greco. 1.45 Fingerbobs (r).
2.00 The Afternoon Show presented by Barbara Dickson and Penny Junor. The programme includes items on infertility and the male menopause.
2.45 Racing from Newbury. Julian Wilson introduces coverage of the Rochford Thompson Newbury Stakes (3.00) and the Cape Dried Fruit Trophy Handicap Stakes (3.30) 3.48 Regional news (not London).
3.50 Play School, presented by Kate Copstick. 4.10 Bananaman. 4.15 Beat the Teacher. Part three of the inter-school quiz. 4.30 Godzilla. Cartoon adventures.
4.50 John Craven's Newsround. 5.00 Blue Peter. Simon Groom and Michael Sundin watch as a 300-strong flock of Dorset sheep have their bath to save them from the dreaded sheep scab (Ceefax). 5.25 Henry's Cat. 5.30 Grange Hill. Part eight of the drama serial about a secondary school's pupils (r) (Ceefax). 5.58 Weather.
6.00 News with Sue Lawley and Nicholas Witchell.
6.30 London Plus.
6.55 Tomorrow's World. The latest developments in the world of science and technology.
7.20 Top of the Pops introduced by Peter Powell and Dave Lee Travis.
8.00 Don't Wait Up. Comedy series about a father and son, both separated from their wives, who live together in a state of mutual unease (Ceefax)
8.30 Checkpoint. Roger Cook champions another cause for the consumer.
9.00 News with John Humphrys.
9.25 Morgan's Boy. Episode three of the serial about a Welsh hill farmer and his relationship with his city-bred nephew (Ceefax).
10.15 Heart of the Matter. The last in the series presented by David Jessel.
10.50 Question Time. Sir Robin Day's panel consists of Lady Ralphs and MPs David Alton, Joan Maynard and David Mellor.
11.33 News headlines.
11.35 Out of the Undertow considers the time when people will find themselves without work and with leisure time becoming central to their lives.
12.05 Weather.

TV-am

6.25 Good Morning Britain, presented by Anne Diamond and Nick Owen. News with Gordon Honeycombe at 6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 and 9.00; sport at 6.39 and 7.37; guests, Nigel Rees and Dame Anna Neagle from 6.45; exercises at 6.46 and 8.53; the day's anniversaries at 6.51; Popeye cartoon at 7.22; pop video at 7.54; inside Alan Lamb's home at 8.15; d-i-y advice at 8.47; cartoon special at 9.02.

ITV/LONDON

1.40 Falcon Crest. Drama serial set in California grape country starring Jane Wyman as the matriarch trying to control a wine business
2.30 Mary Berry. Cookery advice and recipes
3.00 The Adventurer. Gene Barry stars as the Saint-like character fighting wrongs
3.30 Sons and Daughters. Another episode from the steamy and scandal-ridden lives of the Australian Palmer and Hamilton families
4.00 We'll Tell You a Story. Christopher Lillicrap with another tale for the very young
4.15 Cockleshell Bay. Seaside adventures of the Cockle twins
4.30 Dangermouse. The secret service agent and his assistant, the petrified Penfold, do battle with the evil Baron Greenback
5.00 Challenge. Competitions for children
5.30 Botanic Man. Professor David Bellamy, as erudite and enthusiastic as ever, plunges into another exploration of the flora and fauna (r)
6.00 Diff'rent Strokes. American comedy series about a millionaire and his adopted family
6.25 Help! Community action news from Viv Taylor Gee
6.30 Keep it in the Family. Domestic comedy series about an artistic family
7.00 Knight Rider. David Hasselhoff stars as Michael Knight, the driver of KITT, his talking and indestructible motor car
8.00 Up the Elephant and Round the Castle. The first in a new series of comedies starring Jim Davidson as the South London Jack-the-lad with his own house. In this opening episode the arrival of a push bike heralds a period of disasters comparable to the destruction of the Roman Empire
8.30 Hotel. A red letter day for the plush St Gregory Hotel dawns bringing with it the arrival of glamorous film star, Katherine Cole (played by Elizabeth Taylor). Elsewhere, a highly successful businesswoman books in with her family
9.30 TV Eye: Bitter Harvest. Why doesn't the EEC send its surplus grain to the famine areas?
10.00 Hill Street Blues: Lucky Ducks. A full-length edition to mark the end of the series, to reappear at a later date on Channel 4. Among the dramas for Lieutenant Furillo and his fellow police officers are the threat of an outbreak of gang warfare and the hijack of a prison bus by three murderous loan sharks, arrested by Belker, who demand Belker in exchange for their hostages
11.45 Night Thoughts


Roger Cook: he presents Checkpoint (BBC1, 8.30pm)

CHOICE

● However certain of our individuality, each of us is the filling for a slice of a salesman's pie chart. If male, and a regular buyer of clothes, are you a Q1 ("mainstream conservative") or a Q5 ("price shopper")? Are you, perhaps, the elusive Q2 ("classic independent, a real clothes horse")? The attempts of the world's largest jeans manufacturer to lasso the latter animal with a line of up-market clothing are charted in *Levis – not by jeans alone*, the latest pitch from COMMERCIAL BREAKS (BBC2, 8.00pm), an excellent series lifting the shiny plastic lid from the cesspool of big business. We witness a "Who wears the trousers?" executive struggle and a scene in which consumers are appraised through a one-way mirror: "He's a real Q2, the others are Q1 plus." The attraction of *Commercial Breaks* is the tension which the market place provides: the title is ambiguous, covering both "lucky breaks" and the latter half of the equation "make or break". After last week's "casinoization", the series this week adds "market segmentation analysis" and "that's something altogether else" to its treasury of debased verbal coinage.

● "All I have to hang onto is you and God", says Irish Catholic Jenny (Mary Larkin) to her agnostic Catholic lover Bobby in LOVERS OF THE LAKE (Channel 4, 9.30pm), adapted by Alun Owen from a Sean O'Faolain short story. But Jenny also has a husband and the listlessness and guilt induced by her tripartite loyalties drive her to Lough Berg, an island shrine, on a pilgrimage of penitence and abstinence. Recording with relish the external oddities of worship – an old man baulking his nose against the crucified Christ while attempting to venerate the cross; a high speed recitation of the rosary – it seems that the writer and director came to mock and stayed to ogle. Mary Larkin outstanding as Jenny, a *woman permanently scowling at* God for having created passion with so many provisos.

● Society calls the athlete Theresa John "mentally handicapped". She prefers "slow learner" and, in OPEN SPACE (BBC1, 7.30pm), shows how she achieves with ease on the running track the swiftness and fluency which elude her in thought and speech. **Mark Lawson**

BBC 2

9.00 Ceefax
9.20 Daytime on Two: The language of French teenagers. 9.38 The fifth and final part of a serial in French 9.55 A barbecue is nearly spoilt 10.12 Science: analysis 10.34 Teenagers talk about the dreams and realities of leaving home 11.05 The effect of the demand for timber 11.30 The towns of Wales 11.55 Lesson five of the swimming course – backstroke
12.20 The newsreels of the Thirties 12.45 For parents and teenagers. 1.10 Accident prevention advice from Jimmy Savile 1.20 Leisure time in Germany 1.38 Scotland's Great Glen. 2.00 For the very young. 2.15 Music from bells. 2.40 Plastic-made sporting goods.
3.00 Dallas. Sue Ellen leaves hospital, still uncertain who is the father of her child (r) (Ceefax).
3.45 Snooker and Racing. Coverage of the third quarter final of the Rothmans Grand Prix, from the Hexagon, Reading; and the Horris Hill Stakes from Newbury (4.00).
5.25 News summary with subtitles.
5.30 Film: Blue Fin (1978) starring Hardy Kruger and Greg Rowe. The story of how the son of a tough trawler skipper, who believes his boy will never become a good sailor, eventually shows his mettle and saves his father from death and the trawler from sinking. Directed by Carl Schultz.
6.55 International Snooker. David Vine introduces highlights of this afternoon's third quarterfinal in the Rothmans Grand Prix.
7.30 Open Space: Theresa. The story of Welsh champion athlete Theresa John who has reached the sporting heights despite the fact she is slightly retarded and has spent most of her life in special schools or training centres (see Choice).
8.00 Commercial Breaks. This week's edition of the programme featuring entrepreneurs from around the world focuses on Peter Haas and Steve Goldstein who have been charged by their employer, Levis Jeans, to produce an up-market range of men's clothes (see Choice).
8.30 Food and Drink. A new series begins with an investigation into why, out of the hundreds of varieties of apple available in Britain, only about half a dozen reach the greengrocers. There is also an item on a new system to help choose the right wine for a particular dish.
9.00 International Snooker. The fourth quarter final of the Rothmans Grand Prix.
9.30 The Boat. The final part of the gripping drama about a U-boat mission in the winter of 1941.
10.25 International Snooker. Further coverage of the fourth quarterfinal
10.55 Newsnight.
11.40 International Snooker. The closing frames of the evening from the Hexagon, Reading. Ends at 12.15.

CHANNEL 4

2.30 The British at War* Nine shorts, introduced by Leslie Halliwell, made during the Second World War as either warnings to guard against the enemy or as morale boosters. Beginning with Do It Now, made by the GPO Film Unit, then: The First Days. Impressionistic compilation of the first days of the War; Squadron 992 deals with balloon barrage training; Save Rubber is an obvious propaganda effort; London Can Take It depicts the capital at the height of the blitz; Mr Proudfoot Shows a Light warns of the dangers of disobeying the blackout; The Dawn Guard finds two Home Guards talking about the future they are fighting for; Christmas Under Fire shows London during the Christmas of 1940; and Britain at Bay illustrates the spirit of Britain after the fall of France.
4.25 Countdown. Graham Jones challenges yesterday's winner of the anagrams and mental arithmetic competition.
5.00 Film: The Next of Kin* (1942) starring Mervyn Johns. The British at War season continues with a full-length propaganda film, made by Ealing Studios, about a pair of German agents who land in Britain with the task of discovering details of a proposed commando raid. Directed by Thorold Dickinson, followed by Miss Grant Goes to the Door at approximately 6.50. A short about two sisters helping to thwart a German invasion.
7.00 Channel Four News with Peter Sissons.
7.50 Comment from Lord Bruce of Donington.
8.00 Scotland's Story. Part 14 of the series on the history of Scotland and the Scots examines the political developments of the 18th century.
8.30 Looks Familiar. Denis Norden reminisces about films of yesteryear with John McCallum, his wife Googie Withers and Kenneth Williams.
9.15 What the Papers Say. Peter Kellner of the New Statesman casts his experienced eye over the press's coverage of the past week's news.
9.30 Lovers of the Lake. A dramatisation by Alun Owen of the Sean O'Faolain short story about a middle-aged woman, married to a rich and successful businessman, who has been having an affair for the past six years. (See Choice).
10.30 The Blood of the British. In this, the penultimate episode of the series about Britain's ancestry, Dr Catherine Hills *examines the truth behind the* Vikings' reputation for being pirates, rapists and arsonists.
11.05 Little Armadillos. Off beat comedy series about a pair of brothers who own a seedy dockside night club.
11.30 Alfred Hitchcock Presents: The Case of Mr Pelham in which Tom Ewell plays a man whose exact double seems to be taking over his life.
11.55 Closedown.

Radio 4

On long wave. † denotes stereo on VHF.
5.55 Shipping Forecast. 6.00 News Briefing; Weather. 6.10 Farming Today. 6.25 Prayer for the Day.
6.30 Today, including 6.30, 7.30, 8.30 News summary. 6.55, 7.55 Weather. 7.00, 8.00 News. 7.25, 8.25 Sport. 7.45 Thought for the Day. 8.35 Yesterday in Parliament. 8.57 Weather; Travel.
9.00 News
9.05 Taking Sides. Live every Thursday morning, an audience of 150 air their views about an issue which has faded from the headlines (a simultaneous broadcast with BBC1).
10.00 News; Medicine Now (r).
10.30 Morning Story: "Hurt" by Vernon Scannell. The reader: Sonia Elkman.
10.45 Daily Service. With David Craig.†
11.00 News; Travel; Your Move or Mine? Bill Breckon and Tom Tickell *open the doors on the* housing world (r).
11.28 A Shropshire Lad. Memories of rural life in Shropshire early this century, inspired by the poetry of A. E. Houseman. The reader is Anthony Hyde.
12.00 News; What About The Workers? A weekly guide to your rights at work – "Trade Union Membership". With Paul Heiney.
12.27 Son of Cliché: comedy show (r).† 12.55 Weather.
1.00 The World at One; News.
1.40 The Archers. 1.55 Shipping Forecast.
2.00 News; Woman's Hour. Today's edition includes a discussion about the 16-plus which, by 1988, will have replaced the CSE and O-level examinations. Taking part are Peter Dines of the Secondary Examinations Council and June Fisher, head teacher of Catford County School, London.
3.00 The Afternoon Play: Mountain Ashes, by Alan England. With Brian Cox and Paul Copley. The story of a weekend climbing trip on the moors.
4.00 News; Enquire Within with Neil Landor.
4.10 Bookshelf with Hunter Davies.
4.40 Story Time: "Behaving Badly" by Catherine Heath, Abridged in ten parts (4). The reader is Maggie Riley.
5.00 PM: News. 5.50 Shipping Forecast. 5.55 Weather.
6.00 The Six O'Clock News; Financial Report.
6.30 Yes Minister with Paul Eddington, Nigel Hawthorne and Derek Fowlds in "The Death List".†
7.00 News.
7.05 The Archers.
7.20 Any Answers?
7.40 International Assignment.
8.10 What About The Workers? Tel 01-580 4411 (lines open from 7.00pm). To follow up today's programme at noon.
9.00 Does He Take Sugar? A magazine of special interest to disabled listeners and their families.
9.30 Glyn Worsnip in the BBC Sound Archives.
9.45 Kaleidoscope. Arts magazine. Includes comment on Peter Porter's book Fast Forward, and the Watteau exhibition in Paris.
10.15 A Book At Bedtime: 'Quick Service' By P G Wodehouse. Abridged in ten parts (4). Read by Robert Powel. 10.29 Weather.
10.30 The World Tonight, including 11.00 News Headlines.
11.15 The Financial World Tonight.
11.30 Today in Parliament.
12.00-12.15 News; weather.
12.33 Shipping Forecast.

VHF (available in England and S Wales only). Radio 4 vhf is as above except: 5.55-6.00am Weather; Travel 9.05-10.45 For Schools: 9.05 A Service for Schools. 9.25 Secondary English (11-14). 9.59 First Steps in Drama. 10.10 Playtime. 10.25 In Your Own Time (half-term repeats). 11.00-12.00 For Schools: 11.00 Noticeboard. 11.05 In the News. 11.30 Wavelength (half-term repeats). 1.55-3.00pm For Schools. 1.55 Listening Corner. 2.05 The Music Box. 2.20 Living Language. 2.40 Newscast (half-term repeats). 5.50-5.55 PM (continued). 11.00-11.30 Study on 4: Caribbean Links (4). 12.30-1.10 Schools night-Time Broadcasting: Deutsch fur die Oberstufe (7 & 8) (half-term repeats).

Radio 3

6.55 Weather. 7.00 News.
7.05 Morning Concert: part one. Wolf's Italian Serenade; Fauré's Elegie Op 24 (Schiff, cello and New Philharmonia Orchestra): Vogel's Clarinet Quartet in B flat (Klocker, clarinet); Ravel's Le Tombeau de Couperin.†
8.00 News.
8.05 Morning Concert: part two. Wagner's Forest Murmurs (Siegfried); Mozart's Si mostra la sorte, K109 (Schreier, tenor); Czerny's Variations on La Ricordanza, Op 3 (Horowitz, piano); and Suk's Serenade for strings in E flat Op 6.†
9.00 News.
9.05 This Week's Composer: Schumann. The overture The Bride of Messina; Papillons (Perahia, piano); Liederkreis, Op. 39 (Ian Partridge, tenor and Jennifer Partridge, piano).†
10.00 Martinu: Czech Philharmonic (under Macura) play the *Double Concerto* for two string orchestras, piano and timpani.†
10.25 Music for Double-bass and Piano: Bottesini's Elegie in in D for double-bass and piano; Maw's The Old King's Lament; and Glière's Four pieces for double-bass and piano. Duncan McTier and Carl Attwood are the performers.†
11.00 Royal Philharmonic Orchestra (under Seaman). Part one. With Stephen Bishop-Kovacevich (piano). Elgar's overture Froissart; and Beethoven's Piano Concerto No1.†
12.00 Six Continents: foreign radio broadcasts, monitored by the BBC.
12.20 Concert: part two. Schumann's Symphony No 3 (Rhenish).† 11.00 News.
1.05 Bristol Lunchtime Concert: Albion Ensemble play Danzi's Quintet in G minor, Op 56 No 2; Irving Fine's Partita; and Francaix's Wind Quintet.†
2.00 *Three Choirs Festival*: Stravinsky's suite Pulcinella; Canticum Sacrum and, at 2.55 Elgar's Sursum Corda' The Black Knight. BBC Philharmonic Orchestra, Worcester Cathedral Choir, Kenneth Bowen (tenor), Michael George (bass) and Roy Massey (organ). Conductor: Edward Downes.†
3.45 Czech Piano Music: Jana Frenkova plays Suk's About Mother: Smetana's Two Czech Dances: Polka No 2 in A minor; Sousedska; and Janacek's Sonata in E flat minor.†
4.35 Academy of Ancient Music: with Paul Elliott (tenor). Puccini's aria Dolce d'amore (La contadina bizzare); and Abel's Symphony in G Op No 1.† 4.55 News.
5.00 Mainly for Pleasure.†
6.30 Bandstand: Thomas Wilson's Refrains and cadenzas; and Heaton's Contest Music. Played by John Foster and Son Ltd Black Dyke Mills Band.†
7.00 Contemplating the Cosmos: Lewis Wolpert in conversation with Martin Rees, Professor of Astronomy, University of Cambridge.
7.30 Beaux Arts Trio: recital. Part one. Hayden's Trio: No 18 in A, HSV18; and Smetana's Trio in G *minor*, Op 15.†
8.10 Long Ago: Arnold Diamond reads the short story by Ivan Bunin.
8.30 Recital: part two. Schubert's Trio in E flat, D929.†
9.20 Bavaria in the Jungle: The films of Werner Herzog (r).
10.00 Music in Our Time: Hans Werner Henze's Apollo and Hyacinth; Cantata della fiaba estrema; Being beauteous; Le miracle de la rose (with Sara Leonard, soprano; Fiona Kimm, contralto; *John Constable*, harpsichord; Michael Collins, clarinet; London Sinfonietta; and London Sinfonietta Chorus.†
11.35 Bax: John McCabe (piano) plays the Sonata No 4 in G.†
11.57 News. Until 12.00.

Radio 2

News on the hour. Headlines 6.30am, 6.30, 7.30 and 8.30.
4.00am Colin Berry.† 5.30 Ray Moore.† 7.30 Terry Wogan. Young † 12.00pm Steve Jones.† 2.05 Gloria Hunniford.† 3.30 Music All The Way.† 4.05 David Hamilton.† 6.00 John Dunn in Hongkong.† 6.45 Sport and Classified Results (mf only). 8.00 Wally Whyton introduces Country Concert.† 9.55 Sports Desk. 10.00 The News Huddlines. 10.30 Star Sound Extra. Anthony Hopkins talks to Marjorie Bilbow about his new film "The Bounty". 11.00 Brian Matthew presents Round Midnight (stereo from midnight). 1.00 Bill Rennells.† 3.00-4.00 Bud Shank and Shorty Rogers.

Radio 1

News on the half-hour from 6.30 am until 9.30pm and at 12 midnight.
6.00 Adrian John. 7.00 Mike Read. 9.00 Simon Bates. 12.00pm Gary Davies, including 12.30 Newsbeat. 2.30 Steve Wright. 5.00 Bruno Brookes, including 5.30 Newsbeat. 7.30 Janice Long. 10.00-12.00am Into the Music with Tommy Vance.† VHF Radios 1 & 2: 4.00

WORLD SERVICE

6.00 Newsdesk. 7.00 World News. 7.09 Twenty-Four Hours. 7.30 I've Heard That Song Before. 7.45 Network UK. 8.00 World News 8.09 Reflections. 8.15 Country Music Profile. 8.30 John Peel. 9.00 World News. 9.09 Review of the British Press. 9.15 The World Today. 9.30 Financial News 9.40 Look Ahead. 9.45 Monitor. 10.00 News Summary 10.01 The Gentle Lark. 11.00 World News. 11.09 News About Britain. 11.15 New Ideas. 11.25 The Week in Wales. 12.00 Radio Newsreel. 12.15 Top Twenty. 12.45 Sports Roundup. 1.00 World News 1.09 Twenty-Four Hours. 1.30 Network UK. 1.45 The Brotherhood Of Brass 2.00 Outlook. 2.45 Roots And Branches 3.00 Radio Newsreel 3.15 The Pleasure's Yours. 4.00 World News. 4.09 Commentary. 4.15 Assignment. 4.45 The World Today. 5.00 World News 5.09 Meridian. 5.40 The Week In Wales. 8.00 World News. 8.15 A Jolly Good Show 10.00 World News. 10.09 The World Today. 10.25 The Week in Wales. 10.30 Financial News. 10.40 Reflections. 10.45 Sports Roundup. 11.00 World News 11.09 Commentary. 11.15 Merchant Navy Programme 11.30 Meridian. 12.00 World News. 12.09 News About Britain. 12.15 Radio Newsreel. 12.30 Talking About Music. 1.00 News Summary. 1.01 Outlook. 1.30 Persona Grata. 1.45 Ulster Newsletter. 1.50 In the Meantime. 2.00 World News. 2.09 Review of the British Press 2.15 Music In The Age Of Chivalry. 2.30 With Respect, Ambassador. 3.00 World News 3.09 News About Britain. 3.15 The World Today. 3.30 Business Matters. 4.00 Newsdesk 5.45 The World Today.
(All times in GMT)

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BBC 1 Wales: 12.57pm-1.00 News on Wales headlines. 3.48-3.50 News of Wales headlines. 5.30-5.35 Interval. 5.35-5.58 Wales today. 6.30-7.20 Star Trek. 8.30-9.00 Week in Week out. 12.05am-12.35 Checkpoint (as BBC1 8.30pm). 12.35-12.40 News and weather. Scotland 12.57pm-1.00 The Scottish News. 6.30-6.35 Reporting Scotland. 12.05am-12.10 News and weather. N Ireland 12.57pm-1.00 Northern Ireland News. 3.48-3.50 Northern Ireland News 6.30-6.55 Inside Ulster. 12.05am-12.10 News and *weather. England 6.30pm-6.55 Regional* News magazines.

CHANNEL As London except: 1.20 News. 1.30-2.30 Hotel. 5.15-5.45 Beverly Hillbillies.* 6.00 Channel Report. 6.35 Crossroads. 8.30-9.30 Magnum. 11.30 Country Awards Show. 12.30am Closedown.

BORDER As London except: 1.20pm News. 1.30-2.30 *Casablanca. 3.00 Bygones.* 3.30-4.00 Young Doctors. 6.00 Lookaround. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00 Emmerdale Farm. 7.30 Knight Rider. 8.30 Short Story Theatre. 9.00-9.30 Gaffer. 11.30 9 to 5. 12.00 Closedown.

HTV As London except: 1.20pm News. 1.30-2.30 Country Practice. 6.00 News. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00 Emmerdale Farm. 7.30 Knight Rider. 8.30 Up The Elephant. 9.00-9.30 Gaffer. 10.30 Scene '84. 11.00 *Sweeney. 12.00 Closedown.*

REGIONAL TELEVISION VARIATIONS

HTV WALES As HTV West except 6.00pm-6.35 Wales at Six. 10.30-11.00 Wales This Week.

S4C As London except: 1.00pm Countdown. 1.30 Alice. 2.00 Gwrando a Gwneud. 2.20 Ffalabalam. 2.35 Hwnt Ac Yma. 2.55 Six Centuries of Verse. 3.25 Francois Truffant. 3.55 Numbers At Work. 4.20 Scotland's Story. 4.50 Ffalabalam. 5.0 Eitem Ddirgel. 5.10 *Y Gwylt. 5.35 Mary Tyler* Moore Show. 6.00 Brookside. 6.30 Hoteldu. 7.00 Newyddion Saith. 7.30 Ar Y Ffordd. 8.00 Coleg. 8.30 O Benllyn I Bendraw'r Byd. 9.05 Sweetwater Memories. 10.25 Snwcer. 10.55 Secret Policeman's Ball. 12.35am Closedown.

TVS As London except: 1.20 News. 3.00 Afternoon Club. 3.27-4.00 Young Doctors. 6.00 Coast to Coast. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00 Emmerdale Farm. 7.30 Knight Rider. 8.30 The Streets of San Francisco. 9.30 Gaffer. 10.30 Yellow Rose. 11.30 Mysteries of Edgar Wallace.* 12.30am Company. Closedown.

GRANADA As London except: 1.20pm Granada Reports. 1.30-2.30 Devlin Connection. 3.25 News. 3.30-4.00 Young Doctors. 6.00 This Is Your Right. 6.05 Crossroads. 6.30 Granada Reports. 7.00 Emmerdale Farm. 7.30 Knight Rider. 8.30 Film: Battle for the Planet of the Apes. 11.30 Jack Jones in Concert. *12.00 Short Story. 12.30am Closedown.*

TYNE TEES As London except: 1.20pm News. 1.30-2.30 Champions. 6.00 News. 6.02 Crossroads. 6.25 Northern Life. 7.00 Emmerdale Farm. 7.30 Knight Rider. 8.30 Film: Fire House. 10.32 Are You Taking The Tablets? 11.00 Mannix. 12.00 One World. 12.15 Closedown.

GRAMPIAN As London except: 1.20pm News. 1.30-2.30 Country Practice. 6.00 North Tonight. 6.30 Police News. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00 Highland Road. 7.30 Knight Rider. 8.30 Up The Elephant. 9.00-9.30 Gaffer. 10.30 Kojak. 11.30 About Gaelic. 12.00 That's Hollywood. 12.30am News. Closedown.

CENTRAL As London except: 12.25pm European Folk Tales. 12.40-1.00 Contact. 1.20 News. 1.30-2.30pm Champions. 6.00 Crossroads. 6.25 News. 7.00 Emmerdale Farm. 7.30 Knight Rider. 8.30 Carry on Abroad. 10.35 Central Lobby. 11.05 Mysteries of Edgar Wallace.* 12.10am Closedown.

ANGLIA As London except: 1.20pm News. 1.30-2.30 Champions. 6.00 About Anglia. 6.20 Arena. 6.35-7.00 Crossroads. 10.30 Folio. 11.00 Darts. 12.00 Short Story. 12.30am Waite Around. Closedown.

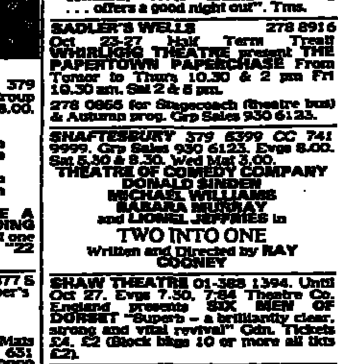
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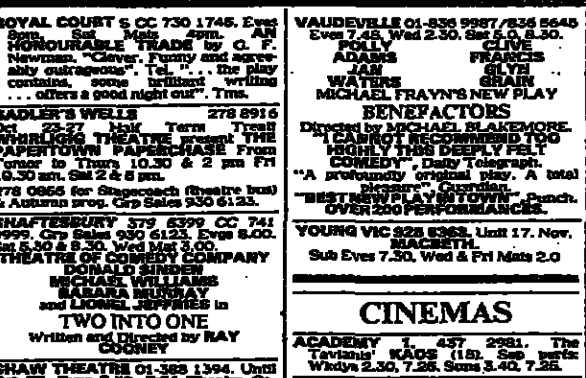
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SCOTTISH As London except: 1.20pm News. 1.30 Bodyline. 1.35-2.30 Country Practice. 3.00 That's My Dog. 3.30-4.00 Protectors. 6.00 News and Scotland Today. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00 Take The High Road. 7.30 All Kinds Of Country. 10.30 Crime Desk. 10.35 Gaffer. 11.05 Report. 11.35 Late Call. 11.40 Paris By Night. 12.10am Crann Tara. 12.40 Closedown.

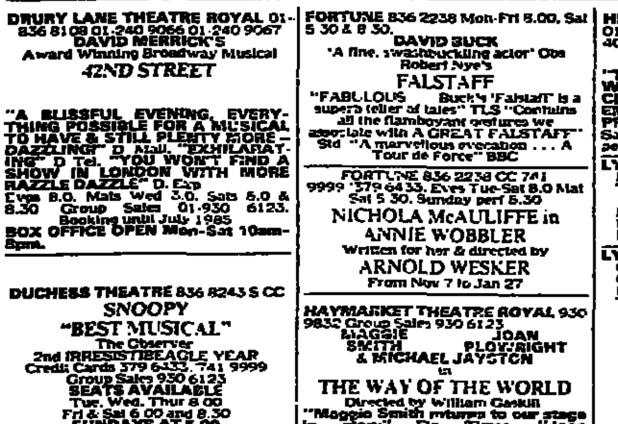
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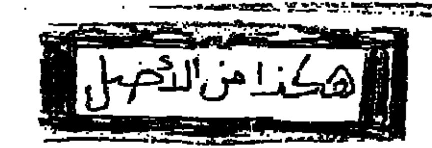
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† Stereo. ★ Black and white. (r) Repeat





Entertainments





NUM fights alone as Nacods call off strike

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under the auspices of Acas the previous day.

This lengthy peace formula began with a statement of intent by the Coal Board, submitted personally by Mr MacGregor, that understanding and trust between the Board and Nacods, "should be established and maintained."

The Coal Board went on to withdraw its ruling of August 15 that deputies who refused to cross NUM picket lines will not be paid, and to promise that several more Nacods grievances would be dealt with.

The document says that the Board will put the proposed closure of five "test case" pits into a modified colliery review procedure, which would end in a final appeal to an independent body who's verdict would be given "full weight", in any decision on closure proposals.

The NCB also agreed to "completely reconsider" its proposal of March 6 to shut down four million tons of capacity in the industry during the present financial year, "in the light of the loss of output which has occurred as a result of the dispute and the changes in the needs of the market arising from the circumstances of the dispute."

The formula went on: "The Board will reconsider the proposals for the industry and revise the objectives for the individual areas. A new set of objectives will be prepared for each area to reflect the production possibilities available at the time the dispute ends".

But this is not enough for the NUM.

The NUM went on to say of the NCB formula: "It does not withdraw the pit closure programme. Its reference to 'the market' and to a new set of objectives is an indication that the Board will continue to pursue a closure programme".

● Mr Scargill last night said on television that he was not optimistic about the chances of success in today's talks with the NCB. There would be "no compromise"

NUM members knew it was going to be a "long, hard and bitter battle", but at the end of the day they would save their pits and their jobs.

● A senior Labour Party delegation is to meet the NUM leadership to ensure that money raised to alleviate hardship caused by the strike is not put at risk of sequestration by the courts

Ethiopia losing the battle against starvation





Facing disaster: An Afar cattle herding family (left) whose cattle died looking for grass; and a dust storm, adds to the soil erosion contributing to Ethiopia's drought and famine. Photographs: Mark Edwards

Alomata, Ethiopia (AP) – Dr George Ngatire and seven other medical staff fight a daily battle to keep 100,000 people alive at this famine relief centre in northern Ethiopia. Every day they lose 90 to 100, mostly children.

The people who come here are victims of perhaps the greatest famine in Ethiopia's modern history, caused by a decade-long drought and complicated by two secessionist wars in the north.

Ethiopia's Marxist Government estimates the drought has affected life for 7.7 million people in this country of 33 million, forcing 2.2 million from their homes and threatening 5.5 million with starvation.

Every day hundreds more arrive at this recently established camp along the border of Tigre and Wollo provinces. Last week, north-east of Alomata, Tigrean rebels claimed the capture of the town of Lalibela.

Reporters who visited the Alomata camp, north of the capital of Addis Ababa, found Dr Ngatiri, one other doctor, three nurses and three nutritionists working with 100,000 starving people. Further north, thousands more huddle at another emergency relief camp at Korem.

Dr Ngatiri, a Kenyan, said at least half the victims were children. This day the doctor had turned away a group of mothers and their frail, emaciated babies – victims of pneumonia, scabies, relapsing fever and starvation.

"I'm sorry," he told them, speaking through an interpreter. He had no food or medicine for the new arrivals. With more than 90,000 waiting outside the camp, he had supplies for only 3,000. "There is nothing I can do. I know your children need treatment. I have to treat them, but I have nothing to treat them with. Come back in five days."

As the interpreter translated into Amharic, Dr Ngatiri held up the extended fingers of one hand to indicate five.

Those turned away would have to wait out in the open. During the day, tropical sun pushes temperatures to 100 deg F. At night, at this elevation of 12,000 feet, temperatures fall to below 50 deg F. Most of the displaced people have thin, worn sheets and ragged clothing to keep themselves warm.

Those accepted inside the camp run by World Vision International must leave at night – even the 100 or so patients on intravenous drips. Ethopian officials said they risked attack by the rebels if the patients remained inside the camp.

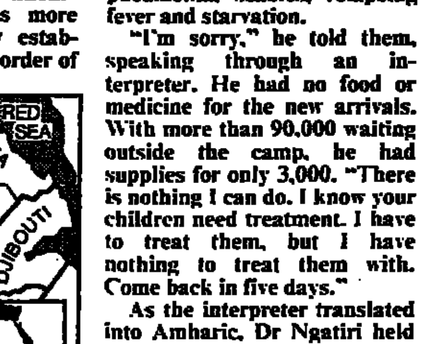
World Vision International, a US based interdenominational relief group, is the only agency at work at Alomata. At the Korem camp, Catholic relief services, Ethiopia's Relief and Rehabilitation Commission and other groups have had more time to organize relief efforts.

But even at Korem there was not enough food to go around. A reporter who visited Korem in March found 10,000 people going hungry. In late October there were up to 100,000.

About 80,000 people are camped outside Makale, north of Korem.

At Korem, relief agencies are feeding nearly 17,000 children daily, a French medical coordinator said. There were at least another 200,000 famine victims within a 260-mile radius of the camp, although all estimates are really guesses.

The Ethiopian Government has said it needs 600,000 metric tons of food by the end of 1985 and has criticized Western nations and agencies for pledging only 160,000 tons so far.



British aid for famine victims

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film editors at Thames Television. After representations from Oxfam and the Save The Children Fund, they agreed to screen a *TV Eye* documentary entitled *Bitter Harvest* about the famine in Ethiopia tonight as originally scheduled.

At today's talks in Brussels with officials from the European Commission, the Disasters Emergency Cmmittee, which groups five British charities, will ask for funds to buy vehicles to transport food from Ethiopian ports across rugged terrain into the interior.

A spokesman for Christian Aid said that one of the main problems confronting the relief agencies was the high cost and shortage of transport.

Pressure for increased aid has also come from the Ethiopian Government. Earlier this week Mr Ato Ayalew Wolde-Giorgis, the Ethiopian Ambassador in London, was told by Mr Malcolm Rifkind, Minister of State at the Foreign Office, that any such request would be treated sympathetically.

Mr Rifkind told Parliament on Monday that some 15,000 tons of wheat was on its way to Ethiopia – 10,000 tons from Oxfam, 4,000 tons from the Overseas Development Administration and 1,000 tons from British farmers. During the current year, the British Government has contributed a total of 20,000 tons of wheat and the EEC some 100,000 tons.

Meanwhile, schoolchildren, shocked and upset by the film of starvation in Ethiopia yesterday donated a ton of grain. It will come from Sheffield's Whirlow Hall farm, a charitable trust regularly used by city children for educational and therapeutic purposes.

After seeing the film, dozens of children contacted the farm asking that part of the harvest they helped to produce should be sent to help famine relief.

Frank Johnson on the campaign trail

Beef sandwiches and Huggy Bear

President Reagan, after his escape from serious injury when debating foreign affairs with Mr Mondale, took off from Kansas City in a westerly direction.

His deliverance on Sunday night had given him renewed confidence. His genial old head was as stuffed as ever withe quips, sentimental anecdotes, half-remembered items from "Fancy That" or "Would Ya Believe It" columns of long ago that jointly constitute his personal research staff. And who could really prove that these sources are less reliable than the think tnks and task forces favoured by more othordox, less successful politicians?

So it was a buoyant President who set out in Air Force one to enure the victory which, after Sunday, seems ever more likely to be his. In the steerage' class aircraft pursuing him came we of the press. Our less genial heads were stuffed with advance extracts from the President's speeches, hot beef sandwiches, chocolate bars, McDonald's McMuffins and unlimited supplies of beer. Three hours out from Kansas City we were deposited in a desert in southern California.

The one building in sight was a vast hangar containing a B1 bomber and, more to the point, the several thousand voters who were building it. Mr Reagan descended, looked at the machine lovingly, and inserted early into his speech a cry of "What an airplane".

A visit to a factory making a B1 bomber appeared to be for Mr Reagan a sentimental occasion comparable to a visit which a British Labour leader might make to a coalmine or a factory making wheelchairs.

Mr Reagan reminded his audience that Mr Mondale had been against the B1 bomber. Mission accomplished, he flew off to San Diego. We followed at a discreet distance. Thirty minutes, one beef sandwich and several beers later, we found ourselves amid the sun, palm trees and Spanish terraces of that city's seafront.

Mr Reagan was greeted on arrival with a blast from a ship's horn and, on departure, with fireworks especially deigned for daylight.

Off he went northwards. For us, a further egg McMuffin, more beer.

We reached the chillier air of Medford, Oregon, a small town set in a hollow among magnificently forested hills. A high school band blared wonderfully in operatta uniforms.

Mr Reagan said, among other things, that Mr Mondale wanted it to be April 15th every day, but he favoured July 4th. The crowd roared. Balloons descended. The chairman said that he would like Mr Reagan to receive a special hug from the Medford town mascot, known as Huggy Bear.

The bear appeared and hugged the President. A tremor doubtless went through the Secret Service. It is to be assumed that the bear was a human in disguise. Mr Reagan remained calm.

The crowd chanted: "Four more years, four more years". On to Portland, Oregon, and a short night's sleep. The following morning we were bussed to the University of Portland. The high school band blared wonderfully. Mr Reagan referred to Mr Mondale and April 15th. The crowd roared. Mr Reagan was beginning to like this line.

On to an ice hockey rink in Seattle, Washington. An even more wonderful band. Further balloons. April 15th contrasted with July 4th. A crowd roaring "Four more years, four more years".

Among the jaded press corps, it was more a matter of four more sneers or, once back on the aircraft four more beers. Those of us new to this campaign, however, found it all entrancing. Mr Reagan seemed popular among all ages and all classes.

Against such popularity, he has luck. At one point during the day came bad news about one of his most telling lines in Sunday's debatem.

He had knocked Mr Mondale for trying to give an impression of strength by being depicted aboard the aircraft carrier Nimitz. But, if Mr Mondale had had his way, he would have been standing in the sea out there said Mr Reagan, because he had voted against the Nimitz.

Now word came that Mr Mondale had been standing aboard the Midway. Mr Reagan had not known that. More to the point, for purposes of rebuttal during the debate, neither had Mr Mondale.

THE TIMES INFORMATION SERVICE

Today's events

Royal engagements

The Duke of Edinburgh chairs the first meeting of the National Federation of Housing Associations inquiry into British housing: Buckingham Palace, 10.30.

The Duke of Gloucester, President, British Consultants Bureau attends a meeting at the RAF Club, Piccadilly, W1, 10.55.

The Duchess of Gloucester, patron, Counsel and Care for the Elderly, attends a reception at Christies, South Kensington, 6.30.

The Duke of Kent attends the British International Motor Show, Birmingham, 10.30; and later opens the West Midland Sports Centre for the Disabled at Coventry, 2.30.

Prince Michael of Kent visits RAE Farnborough, 10.15.

New exhibitions

International peace poster exhibition, Central Library, Wellgate, **Dundee**; Mon to Fri 9.30 to 5; (from today until Nov 3.)

Paintings and drawings by Peter Greenham; Victoria Art Gallery, Bridge St, **Bath**; Mon to Fri 10 to 6, Sat 10 to 5; (ends Nov 24).

Paintings and graphics by Emil Nolde; and prints, drawings and books by John Cage; Kettles Yard Gallery, Northampton St, **Cambridge**, Tues to Sat 12.30 to 5.30, Sun 2 to 5.30; (both end Dec 2).

A Clue to History; portraits of writers from Shakespeare to Beckett; York City Art Gallery, Exhibition Sq; Mon to Sat 10 to 5, Sun 2.30 to 5; (ends Nov 18).

Four Rooms, Mappin Art Gallery, Weston Park, **Sheffield**; Mon to Sat 10 to 5, Sun 2 to 5; (ends Nov 18).

Journey in Morocco; watercolours and paintings by John Rogers; Oriel, the Welsh Arts Councils Gallery, 53 Charles St, **Cardiff**; Mon to Sat 9 to 5.30; (ends Nov 17).

The Road to Wigan Pier; six student commissions; Impressions Gallery of Photography, 17 Colliergate, **York**; Tues to Sat 10 to 6; (ends Dec 1).

Small paintings and large monotypes by Stephen Buckley; Festival Gallery, Pierrepont Place, **Bath**; Tues to Sat 11 to 5; (ends Nov 17).

Music

Recital by Linda Merrick (clarinet), Steven Page (baritone) and Andrew Wilkinson (piano); Royal Exchange Theatre, St Ann's Sq, **Manchester**, 1.05.

Concert by the Edinburgh Quartet; Queen's Hall, **Edinburgh**, 6.45.

Concert by Richard May (cello) and the Warwickshire County Youth Orchestra; Royal Spa Centre, **Leamington**, 7.30.

Concert by the City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra; **Birmingham** Town Hall, 7.30.

Piano recital by John Savory; Guildhall, **Derby**, 12.45.

Concert by the Albion Ensemble; St George's, Brandon Hill, **Bristol**, 1.

Talks, lectures

William Turner of Oxford (1789-1862), by Timothy Wilcox; Lecture Hall, Examination Schools, High Street, **Oxford**, 4.45.

Academic Follies by Prof Laurie Taylor; Bennett Lecture Theatre 1, **Leicester** University, 8.

One Man's Scotland, by Hamish Brown; Highland Hotel, **Fort William**, 7.30.

The Golden Age of Screen Comedies, by John Huntley; Lecture Theatre, **Bolton** Central Library, 7.30.

General

Antique Fair; Assembly Rooms, **Bath**; 11 to 8 daily, Sat 11 to 6; (ends Oct 27).

Autumn Fair; **Liverpool** Parish Church, St Nicholas, Pier Head, 10.30 to 3.

Aid for Ethiopia

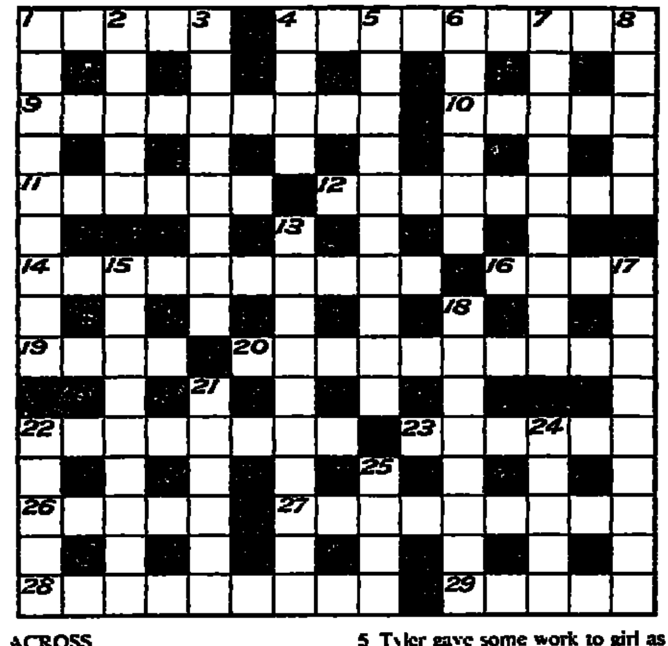
Contributions for the Ethiopian famine relief should be sent to: Oxfam at 274 Banbury Road, Oxford OX2 7DZ; Save the Children Fund, 17 Grove Lane, London SE5 8RD; or Christian Aid, P.O. Box 1, London SW9 8BH.

Anniversaries

Births: **Thomas Babington Macaulay, 1st Baron Macaulay**, Rothley Temple, Leicestershire, 1800; **Johann Strauss**, composer of *Die Fledermaus*, Vienna, 1825; **Georges Bizet**, Paris, 1838; **Pablo Picasso**, Malaga, Spain, 1881.

Deaths: **Stephen, King of England** 1135-54, Dover, 1154; **Geoffrey Chaucer**, London, 1400; **Evangelista Torricelli**, inventor of the barometer, Florence, 1647; **George II**, reigned 1727-60, London, 1760; **Sir Charles Hallé**, founder of the orchestra of that name, Manchester, 1895; **Edward John Plunkett, 18th Baron of Dunsany**, writer, Dublin, 1957.

The Times Crossword Puzzle No 16,568



ACROSS

1 Number who collected expert knowledge, say? By no means! (5).
4 Bring down box of letters not initially used (5,4).
9 Getting on with new scene assembled in set (9).
10 Stable is financially sound (5).
11 Museum apprentice is a hooligan (6).
12 Cried out "Wait!" perhaps in Devon (8).
14 Cartoonist's sideshow is meant to avoid attention (3,7).
16 Not said, for example, to be a marine hazard (4).
19 Lugs containers of grain (4).
20 Tennis OK? No good playing in this London borough (10).
22 Conurbation that cost nothing in W Africa (8).
23 Stir artist to return to river (6).
26 Release from a foreign bond (5).
27 Crude calculation applied to building (9).
28 Anticipation of a street-riot (9).
29 Would such a servile creature behave like Virginia? (5).

DOWN

1 Bath? No, US capital (9).
2 Call on grandma in China (5).
3 Eric saw key hidden – clever dick! (8).
4 Hole said to have caused boat to capsize (4).
5 Tyler gave some work to girl as tumbler (5,5).
6 When uranium is lost what remains is live (6).
7 Quota for everybody, with me in Biblical parts (9).
8 Heath was thus encouraged, we hear, to make a scene for Hardy (5).
13 Hospital accommodation follows later (10).
15 Crow flies back over the trees, making straight for town (9).
17 Hint by informer is extremely handy (9).
18 New Aran style is chaotic (8).
21 Witness attending trial (6).
22 Blunder, getting down from nap (5).
24 It's no good continuing with silver-point treatment (5).
25 Stubborn type, but no heel (4).

Solution of Puzzle No 16,567

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New books – paperbacks

The Literary Editor's selection of interesting books published this week:

FICTION

Dead Babies, by Martin Amis (Penguin, £1.95)
Gabriela: Clove and Cinnamon, by Jorge Amado (Abacus, £3.95)
The Slow Train to Milan, by Lisa St Aubin de Teran (Penguin, £2.95)

NON-FICTION

A Discourse on Inequality, by Jean-Jacques Rousseau, translated with an introduction and notes by Maurice Cranston (Penguin Classics, £1.95)
Music Through the Looking Glass, by Fritz Spiegel (Routledge & Kegan Paul, £5.95)
Pages from the Goncourt Journal, edited, translated and introduced by Robert Baldick (Penguin, £4.95)
Sorry, Dad, by Edward Blishen (Allison & Busby, £2.95)
The Penguin Book of Limericks, compiled and edited by E O Parrott (Penguin, £4.95)
Virgil's Iliad, An Essay on Epic Narrative, by K W Gransden (Cambridge, £7.95)
Vita, The Life of Vita Sackville-West, by Victoria Glendinning (Penguin, £3.95)

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Roads

The Midlands: A43: Bypass construction between Northampton and Kettering at Broughton. A435: Between Birmingham and Evesham: M42 construction work near Wythal. M5: Lane closures between junction 3 (Birmingham W and Central) to 4 (Bromsgrove).

Wales and West: A48: Lane closures, 24 hours, between Cardiff and Newport at Cleppa Park on east and westbound carriageways. A4080: Only one lane with 24 hr traffic lights on Menai Bridge, Gwynedd.

The North: M6: Resurfacing work on southbound carriageway between junction 32 (Preston) and 33 (Lancaster); contraflow on northbound: delays. A6127: Severe delays on Tyne Bridge.

Scotland: A1: Bypass construction W of Tranent. M9: Eastbound carriageway closed between junctions 5 and 4: contraflow on westbound: no eastbound access at junction 5 (Grangemouth). M876: Contraflow between M80, junction 5 and junction 2.

Information supplied by the AA

The pound

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	1.48	1.42
Austria Sch	26.90	25.50
Belgium Fr	78.00	74.00
Canada $	1.66	1.58
Denmark Kr	13.85	13.15
Finland Mkk	8.02	7.62
France Fr	11.64	11.14
Germany DM	3.82	3.63
Greece Dr	168.00	156.00
Hongkong $	9.85	9.25
Ireland Pt	1.24	1.18
Italy Lira	2355.00	2255.00
Japan Yen	311.00	295.00
Netherlands Gld	4.30	4.10
Norway Kr	11.08	10.58
Portugal Esc	202.00	193.00
South Africa Rd	2.22	2.08
Spain Pta	214.00	204.00
Sweden Kr	10.85	10.35
Switzerland Fr	3.15	3.00
USA $	1.26	1.21
Yugoslavia Dnr	260.00	245.00

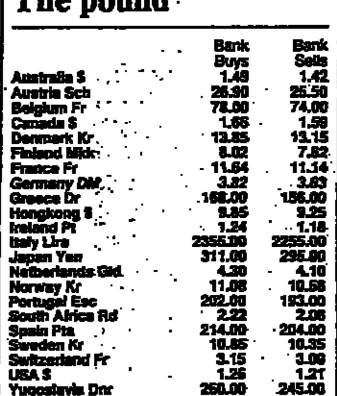
Retail Price Index: 355.5.

London: The *FT* index closed down 1.0 at 866.2.

Parliament today

Commons (2.30): Police and Criminal Evidence Bill, Lords amendments.

Lords (3): Debate on White Paper on buses.



Times Portfolio rules are as follows:

1 Times Portfolio is free. Purchase of The Times is not a condition of taking part.

2 Times Portfolio list comprises a group of public companies whose shares are listed on The Stock Exchange and quoted in The Times Stock Exchange prices page. The companies comprising that list will change from day to day. The list is divided into four groups of ten shares (1-10, 11-20, 21-30 and 31-40) and every Portfolio card contains two numbers from each group.

3 Times Portfolio "dividend" will be the figure in pence which represents the optimum movement in prices (i.e., largest increase or lowest loss) of a combination of eight (two from each group) of the 40 shares which on any day comprise The Times Portfolio list.

4 The daily dividend will be announced each day and the weekly dividend will be announced each Saturday in The Times.

5 Times Portfolio list and details of the daily or weekly dividend will also be available for inspection at the offices of The Times.

6 If the overall price movement of more than one combination of shares equals the dividend, the prize will be equally divided among the claimants holding those combinations of shares.

7 All claims are subject to scrutiny before payment. Any Times Portfolio card that is defaced, tampered with or incorrectly printed in any way will be declared void.

8 Employees of News International plc and its subsidiaries and of Europrint Group Limited (producers and distributors of the card) or members of their immediate families are not allowed to play Times Portfolio.

9 All participants will be subject to these Rules. All instructions on "how to play" and "how to claim" whether published in The Times or in Times Portfolio cards will be deemed to be part of these Rules.

10 In any dispute, The Editor's decision is final and no correspondence will be entered into.

11 If for any reason The Times Prices Page is not published in the normal way Times Portfolio will be suspended for that day.

How to play – Daily Dividend

On each day your unique set of eight numbers will represent commercial and industrial shares published in The Times Portfolio list which will appear on the Stock Exchange Prices page.

In the columns provided next to your shares note the price change (+ or –), in pence, as published in that day's Times.

After listing the price changes of your eight shares for that day, add up all eight share changes to give you your overall total plus or minus (+ or –).

Check your overall total against The Times Portfolio dividend published on the Stock Exchange Prices page.

If your overall total matches The Times Portfolio dividend you have won outright or a share of the total prize money stated for that day and must claim your prize as instructed below.

Portfolio – how to play

Monday–Saturday record your daily Portfolio total.

Add these together to determine your weekly Portfolio total.

If your total matches the published weekly dividend figure you have won outright or a share of the prize money stated for that week, and must claim your prize as instructed below.

How to claim

Telephone The Times Portfolio claims line 0254-53272 between 10.00 am and 3.30 pm, on the day your overall total matches The Times Portfolio Dividend. No claims can be accepted outside these hours.

You must have your card with you when you telephone.

If you are unable to telephone someone else can claim on your behalf but they must have your card and call The Times Portfolio claims line between the stipulated times.

No responsibility can be accepted for failure to contact the claims office for any reason within the stated hours.

The above instructions are applicable to both daily and weekly dividend claims.

● Some Times Portfolio cards include minor misprints in the instructions on the reverse side. These cards are not invalidated.

● The wording of Rules 2 and 3 has been expanded from earlier versions for clarification purposes. The Game itself is not affected and will continue to be played in exactly the same way as before.

● Rules will appear again in Friday's paper.

Weather forecast

A vigorous depression off the E coast of Scotland will move NE towards Norway; a strong NW flow will cover most areas.

6am to midnight

London, East Anglia, E Midlands, E England: Sunny periods, scattered showers; wind SW veering NW moderate or fresh; max temp 13C (55F).
SE, central S, SW England, W Midlands, S Wales: Showers, sunny intervals; wind NW fresh or strong; max temp 14C (57F).
Channel Islands: Rather cloudy, showers or longer periods of rain; wind W veering NW moderate or fresh; max temp 13C (55F).
N Wales, NW, central N England, Isle of Man, Northern Ireland: Showers, sunny intervals; wind NW fresh or strong, but gale at first; max temp 14C (57F).
Lake District, SW, NW Scotland, Glasgow, Central Highlands, Argyll: Rain, heavy at times; hill and coastal fog becoming brighter but showery later; wind NW strong locally gale, perhaps severe gale, moderating later, max temp 12C (54F).
NE England, Borders, Edinburgh, Dundee, Aberdeen, Moray Firth, NE Scotland: Dull with rain, heavy at times; wind NW strong, locally gale, perhaps severe gale; max temp 12C (54F).
Orkney, Shetland: Dull, rain heavy at times; wind NE backing NW strong to gale; max temp 9C (49F).
Outlook for tomorrow and Saturday: Sunny intervals and showers, dying out, rain spreading to N and W later; windy at first; temperatures near or rather below normal.

SEA PASSAGES: S North Sea: Wind fresh or strong; showers; visibility mainly good; sea moderate or rough. Straits of Dover, English Channel E: Wind SW fresh or strong becoming W later; rain at times; visibility moderate or good; sea moderate or rough. St George's Channel: Wind SW fresh or strong, becoming NW strong to gale; showers; visibility mainly good; sea rough. Irish Sea: Wind mainly NW strong to gale, but SW fresh at first; showers; visibility mainly good; sea very rough.

Sun rises: 7.42 am. Sun sets: 5.47 pm.
Moon rises: 8.49 am. Moon sets: 6.21 pm.
First quarter: October 31.

Lighting-up time

London 6.17 pm to 7.14 am
Bristol 6.26 pm to 7.23 am
Edinburgh 6.18 pm to 7.37 am
Manchester 6.20 pm to 7.27 am
Penzance 6.41 pm to 7.32 am

Yesterday

Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun.

		C	F			C	F
Belfast	r	10	50	Guernsey	r	15	59
Birmingham	r	12	54	Inverness	r	9	48
Blackpool	c	11	52	Jersey	c	14	57
Bristol	c	15	59	London	r	12	54
Cardiff	f	15	59	Manchester	c	12	54
Edinburgh	r	9	48	Newcastle	r	8	46
Glasgow	r	9	48	Ronaldsway	dr	11	52

Highest and lowest

Yesterday: Highest day temp: Ilfracombe, 16C (61F); lowest day max: Aviemore 9C (48F); Highest rainfall: Brawdy 1.06in. Highest sunshine: Wick, Caithness 5.7hr.

NOON TODAY Pressure is shown in millibars FRONTS Warm Cold Occluded Symbols are on advancing edge



b-blue sky; bc-blue sky and cloud; c-cloudy; o-overcast; f-fog; d-drizzle; h-hail; m-mist; r-rain; s-snow; th-thunderstorm; p-showers. Arrows show wind direction, wind speed (mph) circled, temperatures fahrenheit.

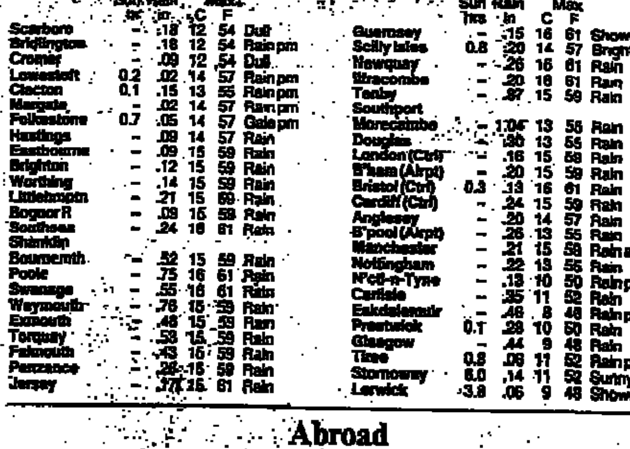
High tides

TODAY

	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	2.55	7.6	3.08	7.5
Aberdeen	2.03	4.8	2.37	4.5
Avonmouth	8.28	14.2	8.45	14.3
Belfast	–	–	12.06	3.6
Cardiff	8.13	13.0	8.30	13.1
Devonport	7.06	5.9	7.29	6.0
Dover	–	–	12.06	7.2
Falmouth	6.38	5.7	6.53	5.8
Glasgow	1.36	5.0	2.08	4.7
Harwich	12.45	4.2	12.57	4.2
Holyhead	11.21	5.9	11.40	6.2
Hull	7.10	8.1	7.45	7.9
Ilfracombe	7.07	9.8	7.27	9.9
Leith	3.25	6.0	3.54	5.9
Liverpool	12.01	10.1	12.25	10.0
Lowestoft	10.31	2.7	11.10	2.6
Margate	12.58	5.0	12.58	5.1
Milford Haven	7.21	7.8	7.42	7.7
Newquay	6.11	7.5	6.32	7.7
Oban	6.58	4.2	7.08	4.4
Penzance	6.04	6.0	6.26	6.1
Portland	8.27	2.5	8.42	2.5
Portsmouth	12.13	5.0	12.42	5.1
Shoreham	–	–	12.20	6.7
Southampton	11.59	4.9	–	–
Swansea	7.28	10.3	7.48	10.4
Tees	4.35	5.9	5.04	5.8
Walton-on-Naze	12.40	4.5	12.53	4.5

Tide measurement in metres: 1m=3.2808ft.

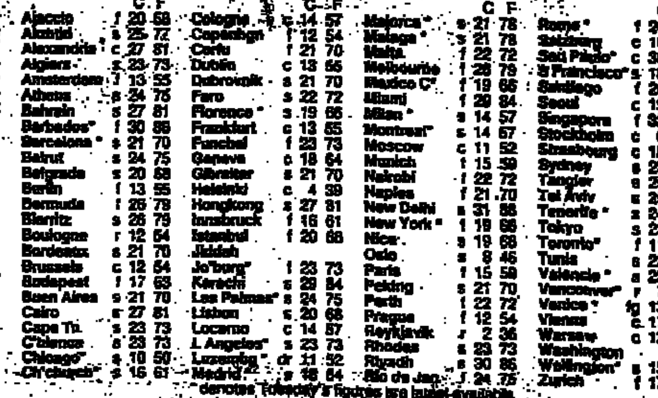
Around Britain



	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Scarboro	–	.18	12	54	Dull
Bridlington	–	.18	12	54	Rain pm
Cromer	–	.09	12	54	Dull
Lowestoft	0.2	.02	14	57	Rain pm
Clacton	0.1	.15	13	55	Rain pm
Margate	–	.02	14	57	Rain pm
Folkestone	0.7	.05	14	57	Gale pm
Hastings	–	.09	14	57	Rain
Eastbourne	–	.09	15	59	Rain
Brighton	–	.12	15	59	Rain
Worthing	–	.14	15	59	Rain
Littlehmptn	–	.21	15	59	Rain
Bognor R	–	.09	15	59	Rain
Southsea	–	.24	16	61	Rain
Shanklin					
Bournemth	–	.52	15	59	Rain
Poole	–	.75	16	61	Rain
Swanage	–	.55	16	61	Rain
Weymouth	–	.76	15	59	Rain
Exmouth	–	.48	15	59	Rain
Torquay	–	.53	15	59	Rain
Falmouth	–	.43	15	59	Rain
Penzance	–	.26	15	59	Rain
Jersey	–	.77	16	61	Rain
Guernsey	–	.15	16	61	Showers
Scilly Isles	0.8	.20	14	57	Bright pm
Newquay	–	.26	16	61	Rain
Ilfracombe	–	.20	16	61	Rain
Tenby	–	.87	15	59	Rain
Southport					
Morecambe	–	1.04	13	55	Rain
Douglas	–	.30	13	55	Rain
London (Ctrl)	–	.16	15	59	Rain
B'ham (Airpt)	–	.20	15	59	Rain
Bristol (Ctrl)	0.3	.13	16	61	Rain
Cardiff (Ctrl)	–	.24	15	59	Rain
Anglesey	–	.20	14	57	Rain
B'pool (Airpt)	–	.26	13	55	Rain
Manchester	–	.21	15	59	Rain am
Nottingham	–	.22	13	55	Rain
N'cstl-n-Tyne	–	.13	10	50	Rain pm
Carlisle	–	.35	11	52	Rain
Eskdalemuir	–	.48	8	46	Rain pm
Prestwick	0.1	.29	10	50	Rain
Glasgow	–	.44	9	48	Rain
Tiree	0.8	.06	11	52	Rain pm
Stornoway	6.0	.14	11	52	Sunny
Lerwick	3.8	.06	9	48	Showers

Abroad

MIDDAY: c, cloud; d, drizzle; f, fair; fg, fog; r, rain; s, sun; sn, snow.



		C	F			C	F			C	F			C	F
Ajaccio	f	20	68	Cologne	c	14	57	Majorca*	s	21	70	Rome*	f	20	68
Akrotiri	s	25	77	Copenhgn	f	12	54	Malaga*	s	21	70	Salzburg	c	16	61
Alexandria	c	27	81	Corfu	f	21	70	Malta	f	22	72	Sao Paulo*	c	30	86
Algiers	s	23	73	Dublin	c	13	55	Melbourne	f	26	79	S Francisco*	s	18	64
Amsterdam	f	13	55	Dubrovnik	s	21	70	Mexico C*	f	19	66	Santiago	f	26	64
Athens	s	24	75	Faro	s	22	72	Miami	f	29	84	Seoul	c	19	66
Bahrain	s	27	81	Florence*	s	19	66	Milan*	s	14	57	Singapore	f	32	90
Barbados*	f	30	86	Frankfurt	c	13	55	Montreal*	s	14	57	Stockholm	c	6	43
Barcelona*	s	21	70	Funchal	f	23	73	Moscow	c	11	52	Strasbourg	c	15	59
Beirut	s	24	75	Geneva	c	18	64	Munich	f	15	59	Sydney	s	23	73
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